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DEPARTMENT HEADS ROLL AT B.C. RAIL

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Roy Richmond, 55, director of personnel and organization, and David Gill, 57, purchasing agent, were dismissed without prior notice and told to engage legal counsel to arrange a settlement.

Economic Development Minister Don Phillips, a director of the B.C. Railway, said the two firings were a management decision and had nothing to do with the board of directors.

Winter Storm Snarls Atlantic

Times News Services

HALIFAX — Air and ground transportation was snarled in the Maritimes today by a stiff winter storm that forced school closures in many areas and delayed thousands of rush-hour commuters.

Two children were struck by an automobile as they waited for a school bus at West Lawrenceville, near Dartmouth, just moments before authorities closed all schools in Halifax county. As the storm moved eastward, schools in Pictou county also were shut down.

The weather office forecast the storm would drop 15 to 25 centimetres of snow on Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and southern New Brunswick and bring winds up to 100 kilometres an hour in gusts.

In the U.S., bitter cold snapped temperature records and power lines from the midwest through the northeast Sunday night. Utility officials in several states asked plants and factories to stay closed today to conserve fuel.

Tel Seeks Third Party

VANCOUVER (CP) — The British Columbia Telephone Company said today it has requested the federal minister of labor to establish a conciliation board to intervene in negotiations between B.C. Tel and the Federation of Telephone Workers.

B.C. Tel said it has sent a telegram to the minister's office saying the two sides have failed in attempts to reach a collective agreement.



COUNT THE KIDS in this picture. Two? Right. The others are children of Cyril Taylor, 9190 East Saanich, who bought nanny for Lance, 14, and Darcy, 11, members of Saanich 4-H Goat Club. New offspring made an early appearance and even at two days show inborn signs of the urge to start kidding around. (Irving Strickland photo)

B.C. 'Worst' Deadbeat In Paying Mercy Flights

INVASION STOPPED, BENIN UNDER CURFEW

NIAMEY, Niger (AP) — The capital of neighboring Benin was under curfew today after scattered fighting, but President Mathieu Kerekou of the former French colony said he has defeated an attempt by "imperialist mercenaries" to overthrow him.

Kerekou said a plane load of whites and Africans landed early Sunday morning at a military airport outside Cotonou, the capital of the country, and attacked at various points around the city. But

government troops drove them off and also forced their DC-8 to take off, the broadcast statement said.

An official at the U.S. embassy in Cotonou reported by telephone that a curfew for everyone except military personnel was imposed at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. He said there was no indication when it will be lifted.

The city "was awakened by small-arms fire from the direction of the airport," the official said.

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Launch Sinks, 20 Lost

VANCOUVER (CP) — British Columbia is one of the worst offenders in a continuing federal-provincial argument about payment for defense department mercy flights, according to Capt. Barry Frewer, a defense department spokesman.

Capt. Frewer, speaking in a telephone interview from Ottawa, said that of five provinces arguing about payment, B.C. is considered the worst offender because it has the highest number of outstanding bills.

"It appears that habitually the offenders are the provinces on both coasts," Capt. Frewer said.

Other provinces are Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island.

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TORONTO (CP) — Dangerously high arsenic levels, as much as 50 times above the World Health Organization (WHO) safe level, have been found at Yellowknife, N.W.T., says a non-government study made public Sunday.

It said the cancer death rate in Yellowknife, about 600 air miles north of Edmonton, is almost twice the national rate of 14 per thousand population and blamed arsenic pollution from gold mines.

The findings directly contradict federal government statements. As recently as last September, federal officials said no major arsenic problem exists in Yellowknife.

The study was done jointly by the National Indian Brotherhood, the United Steelworkers of America union, and the University of Toronto.

The three groups issued a statement calling for a full medical study of all 10,000 Yellowknife residents to determine how many show the effects of arsenic exposure.

The statement urged generous compensation for persons who develop arsenic-related diseases, and for federal enforcement of arsenic emissions.

Tom Hutchinson, a University of Toronto biologist, told a news conference that the arsenic problem is so serious that residents should not eat vegetables in Yellowknife.

The study says Yellowknife levels are the highest in North America and Dr. Hutchinson said the northern city is possibly one of the most severely arsenic-contaminated areas of the world.

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DIRTY BIRD

LUTON, England (CP) — Housewife Eve Seely was terrified when she saw a huge parrot swearing on her clothes line. She fled into her house and rang police. The parrot welcomed them with four-letter words and flew 30 feet up a tree. A constable eventually climbed up and bagged him.

★ SPORTS ★

Full of hope when the current World Cup skiing season started, members of Canada's national men's team are now full of disappointment and talking about breaking camp and returning home from Europe. Winners of two events last winter, the Canadians have not earned a World Cup point this season. Page 14.

Eight Victoria rinks advanced during the weekend in curling playdowns. Harvey Thomson, Steve Skillings, Tim Horrigan and Barry Harvey qualified for the Island men's final; Dave Johnston and Gus Levine won berths in the Pacific Coast senior men's event, and Randy Tervo and Kelly Horrigan reached the Island schoolboys' playoff. Page 14.

Victoria driver Roy Smith ran into disappointment Sunday in the Western 500 stock car race at Riverside, Calif. The transmission in Smith's car gave out with 11 laps remaining in the race, won by David Pearson. Page 14.

Victoria Cougars experienced a good news-bad news weekend in the Western Canada Hockey League. On the plus side, winger Curt Fraser, who had scored only one goal since Nov. 27, fired three Saturday. It was not enough, unfortunately, to help the Cougars, who dropped a 6-4 decision to New Westminster Bruins. Page 14.

Court Cut Review Planned by Gardom

Attorney-General Gordon Gardom said Sunday he will order a review of the decision to drop all summary conviction and indictable offence charges that have been before the courts more than six months.

The decision by the attorney-general's department came last week and sent shock waves through courthouses throughout the province.

Both former attorney-general Alex Macdonald and the past president of the Canadian Police Chiefs Association, Police Chief Jack Gregory of Victoria, deplored the

decision, saying it would damage police morale and encourage further court delays.

Under the plan, to go into effect March 1, provincial Crown prosecutors would drop all summary proceedings that have been outstanding more than 360 days in provincial court, unless the delays were encountered over the objections of the Crown.

Gardom said that for the present the decision stands, but will request a review.

He said his department is concerned about the "tremendous amount of delay in the court system and there didn't appear to be any effective means developing to break the log jam."

Gardom said it was even suggested at one point that the date of implementation of the decision preceede March 1.

He pointed to one case where a man was charged with swearing outside a bar and it took 573 days to complete the matter.

Gregory said judges, not prosecutors, are to blame for the logjam in the courts and described as "preposterous" the attorney-general's department criticism of Crown counsel and police for delaying cases.

Judges, the chief said, should be made accountable for unnecessary delays in the courts since they make the final decision on remands and adjournments.

"It's up to the judges to take a harder line with both the prosecution and defence to make sure there's no unnecessary stalling," Gregory said.

Gregory also suggested night courts be scheduled and said judges could also demand more staff if needed.

Most police chiefs, he said, thought the time limit under was "incredible and unbelievable" when it was presented seven hours earlier by U.S. district judge Willis Ritter.

PRIVATE MAIL FLOURISHING

Victoria businessmen are being forced to use privately-owned courier firms because the post office isn't providing fast, reliable service.

This is the finding of Times reporter Al Forrest in a survey of merchants who are reluctantly turning to the more expensive courier services because they get the job done.

He found there are 45 courier and delivery services in the city compared to 36 only a year ago — and they're thriving.

See page 17.

NEWS BRIEFS

Wagner to Quit?

MONTREAL (CP) — Claude Wagner says he is ready to quit the Progressive Conservative party if his efforts to influence policy-making continue to be frustrated.

Dockers Boycott

VANCOUVER (CP) — Longshoremen here will support a seven-day international boycott of South African goods, a union official said Sunday. The boycott began today.

Ship Abandoned

HONOLULU (UPI) — All 23 crewmen of a disabled Panamanian freighter laden with lumber and logs abandoned ship Sunday in rough seas 260 miles east of Midway Island and were rescued by a Swiss cargo vessel.

Power Aid

TORONTO (CP) — Ontario Hydro today put into effect a province-wide, three-per-cent voltage reduction to provide maximum emergency assistance to the United States, a Hydro spokesman said. Extremely cold weather and breakdowns in some power facilities have created power shortages in New York and Michigan.

Guard Disarmed

BRUSSELS (AP) — A plainclothes policeman from Zaire armed with a sub-machine gun was mistaken today for an assassin trying to kill President Mobutu Sese Seko and was disarmed as the Zairian president arrived for a state visit to Belgium, police reported.

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NWT Threatened by Arsenic

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Posters Gone; Now What About Ten?

By ROSS H. MUNRO

Times Peking Bureau

PEKING — Ten days of political posters, it seems, were enough. Some time after midnight Saturday night, when very few Chinese and apparently no foreigners were watching, workmen and security forces removed every scrap of every political poster which had been put up in Tien An Square since Jan. 6.

The occasion was the end of

the commemorative period for the late Premier Chou En-lai. Along with the posters, the work crews removed all the wreaths and other paraphernalia that had been put in the square in his honor.

The poster campaign comes to an end leaving observers here uncertain about the exact nature of the conflict underlying it. The posters did, however, provide some clues.

The central issue raised by

the posters is the role of former vice-premier Ten Hsiao-ping, who was expected to succeed Chou, but Chinese citizens now are freely telling foreigners that Ten is a telling man and that relatively soon he will be visibly back at work in some government or party post.

Ten's return to public life, in other words, seems to have been agreed to in principle by everyone up to and including

Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, who just nine months ago was investigating him for his "counter-revolutionary revisionist line."

Why, then, the delay in Teng's reappearance? Those close to the Chinese government hint that the explanation lies in Hua's work style, which is supposed to be careful, deliberate and "slow." An investigation into Teng's activities must be completed, these sources suggest, before

he is officially cleared and allowed to make a reappearance.

Given the criticism of Tang which is on the record from Hua and the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung, this approach is understandable. But it does not satisfactorily explain why supporters of Teng felt it was necessary to launch a poster campaign on his behalf 10 days ago.

The best available explana-

tion for the pro-Teng posters of the past 10 days is the existence of high-level disagreement over exactly what positions Teng will be given and how much power he will wield. Perhaps one of the most revealing posters during the brief campaign was one

demanding that Teng be returned to all the posts he held before he was booted out last April. This referred not so much to the position of Communist party vice-chairman.

A day after that poster appeared another one was put up, this time explicitly calling for his being named party vice-chairman. If this happened, Teng would be third-ranking member of the party after Chairman Hua and Yeh Chien Ying, the 78-year-old minister of defence.

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sold "top secret" films and

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PAIR HELD IN SALE OF SECRETS

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A 23-year-old college student who once worked for a U.S. defence contractor was arrested by the FBI on an espionage charge Sunday, accused of trying to sell secrets on rocket construction to the Soviet Union.

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SUNDAY PADDLE by Colquitz Junior Secondary School Canoe Club attracted these 20 members to Portage Inlet Sunday despite cool, damp weather.

Club has 50 members coached by Bob Whittit, Judy Wallace and Phil Watt. (Irving Strickland photo)

Ford Budget Is Crystal-Ball Gazing

Times News Services

WASHINGTON — President Gerald Ford today handed the United States Congress a lame-duck federal budget of \$440 billion for 1978 that calls for a substantial increase in defence spending and permanent tax cuts totalling \$47.5 billion in the next six years.

Ford has only three days remaining of his presidency. President-elect Carter's advisers already are at work on changes to fulfill Democratic election promises.

The budget is more than an agenda of spending and taxing for the United States. It is an exercise in crystal-ball gazing 18 months into the future.

Past presidential budgets sometimes have presaged the future well, sometimes poorly and usually with a mixed degree of success. The budget Ford sent Congress last year was uncannily accurate on some points and wide of the mark on others.

Federal budgets, like household budgets, are set up as a guide in the allocation of resources to reach certain goals. Like the consumer who cuts out steak to make ends meet or free more of a family's resources to buy a car, the federal budget makers can trim or eliminate spending on one program to increase or begin spending on another.

A catastrophic illness might force a family to scrap its budget and borrow heavily. A recession can force the government to do the same, as it did in 1976.

Because the federal budget is printed in numbers, it car-

ries an air of precision it does not deserve. As an examination of Ford's 1976 projections showed, that seeming precision often evaporates over 12 to 18 months.

If the spending and taxing projections Ford gave Congress in his third and final budget are to be accurate when fiscal year 1978 ends on Sept. 30, 1978, his forecasts about the future of the economy will have to come true.

And, in a Catch-22 type situation, for all the economic forecasts to come true, the spending and taxing projections also will have to be very close to the mark.

Because Congress will assert its priorities, rejecting some of the policies prescribed by Ford, there is virtually a guarantee that all the neatly interlocked forecasts will unravel somewhat over the next 12 to 18 months.

Rudolph Penner, assistant director of the Office of Management and Budget for economic policy, notes that such things as deficit estimates are extremely sensitive to even slight errors in economic forecasts.

In a economy that produces \$1.8 trillion in goods and services each year, a one per cent forecast error would be \$18 billion, he noted. Because the government is so big, that \$18 billion error would affect the federal deficit by about \$4 or \$5 billion, Penner said.

"If your deficit is \$50 billion, a one per cent forecasting error, which is trivial as forecasts go, is almost a 10 per cent error in the deficit estimate," Penner said.

Furthermore, budgets are

not just accounting devices, but political documents as well. So when Ford includ-

ed billions of dollars in spending cuts in his projections last year — cuts he knew

Congress would not make — that threw his projections off from the start.

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Anti-Inflation Anomaly

It is nothing short of amazing how certain sectors of the economy still move forward, head down, oblivious of the fundamental changes that the federal anti-inflation program has wrought. Especially in the collective bargaining system. Although the guidelines have been in force since Oct. 14, 1975 — fully 15 months — some groups continue to be caught in the Anti-Inflation Board's net, despite the fact that the basic guidelines could not be stated in language any clearer or plainer.

Of course, from the outset organized labor was opposed to the controls and some unions plunged ahead and attempted to bargain for new contracts as if the guidelines didn't exist. Months later, companies and unions were brought up short when the AIB rolled back contract settlements which were well outside the established limits.

This live-for-today attitude was certainly an outgrowth of the inflation which preceded the imposition of controls, when prices, rents, incomes were leapfrogging each other at an ever-increasing speed. One's only hope was to spend for today in anticipation that by tomorrow everything would have risen by 10 or 20 per cent. But the anti-inflation program has changed that. It broke the economic inflationary cycle, but the psychological inflation that existed in people's minds, still lingers. The contradictions between the two have produced some strange anomalies.

Particularly in negotiations involv-

ing public service unions where arbitration is a common feature of collective bargaining.

Under the Public Schools Act, where teachers and school trustees have not been able to agree on a new contract by Dec. 31 the dispute must be referred to an arbitration panel, usually a chairman mutually agreed upon, plus a teachers' nominee and one named by trustees. School districts where a contract is drawn up before the statutory deadline are the exception nowadays, not the rule.

It used to be that such arbitration awards were final and binding. But now with the AIB in place as the ultimate authority, arbitration's place in the scheme of things has been exempted. But still the practice carries on, at a cost of several hundred dollars each day an arbitration panel sits for legal fees and the expenses of the B.C. into the scheme.

If deliberate, it was an incredible decision. Did her hope that no one would notice? Why hasn't the government amended the respective legislation covering teachers, firemen and police suspending the arbitration procedures? A simple clause saying that all wage settlements must be within the guidelines laid down by the AIB would get around the present wasteful arrangement whereby arbitration panels are paid thousands and thousands of dollars to decide contracts which then must be reviewed all over again by the AIB.

The local dispute between the firefighters and the city of Victoria is another example. The firefighters have as an option the right to force their employer to binding arbitration to decide on a new contract. Which is what happened late last year, at a cost

of \$30,000 to the firemen (about \$300 per man). But now the city, with an eye to the AIB in Ottawa, refuses to pay the award because it may be outside the guidelines.

Understandably, the firefighters are upset. For what have they spent \$30,000? in arbitration? costs? In a year's time, for their next contract they plan to bargain for a short period of time and if the talks produce no satisfactory wage offer from the city, then the firemen will conduct a strike vote.

The fact that the anti-inflation program has effectively eliminated arbitration as a bargaining tool for employees like teachers and firemen — who are under provincial jurisdiction — was ignored by the government of Premier Bill Bennett when he took B.C. into the scheme.

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We thought this government was interested in saving money, not wasting it. This an obvious place to start.

Thwarting of Democracy

The government of Prime Minister Trudeau did it last year, and it's doing the same thing again this year. Byelections in two constituencies were put off until the very last legal moment, leaving the electors of St. John's West unrepresented in the House of Commons for 13 months and Ottawa-Carleton for nine months. They were not held until Oct. 18, coincidentally the PM's birthday. (He turned 57.)

Now there are six vacancies in the House of Commons, three of them caused by the resignation of Liberals Bryce Mackay, Jean Marchand and

Roland Comtois to run in the Quebec election. One Prince Edward Island riding is vacant and the deaths of Real Caouette and Liberal Albinie Morin late in 1976 constitute the others.

A total of five Quebec ridings, then, have no one to speak for them in Ottawa. And because two of them were caused by deaths, a formal notification of the chief electoral officer by the speaker of the Commons must occur. Usually this is within days after an MP's death; but Morin died Sept. 30 and Caouette Dec. 16. In neither case has the speaker issued the necessary warrant.

It looks like another stall by the government to avoid an electoral contest, regardless of how long the voters of Quebec go unrepresented. For until the warrants are issued, the prime minister doesn't have to call a by-election. Once they are, he must name a date within six months.

Crass political considerations appear to have taken precedence over democracy. The Liberals lost the last three by-elections to the Tories, and if they lose all six, their majority in the Commons would be reduced to only six seats. Quebec and P.E.I. voters should not have to wait until next Oct. 18.

RICHARD GWYN

Testing Ties That Bind

OTTAWA — Among today's labor leaders, who more and more look like corporate executives, or academics, or bureaucrats, Dennis McDermott, the head of the autoworkers, is easy to spot and hard to forget.

All you have to do is look among the business suits for someone wearing patterned shirts, the top three buttons undone, with a medallion swinging among his chest hairs. Or listen for someone who says things like: "Reactionaries who want to urinate all over the labor movement took my words out of context," and who then repeats his out-of-context words.

The last thing I want to see is unions and New Democratic Party split apart. But I don't believe in blind loyalty either. The blindly loyal get taken for granted. And I don't intend that trade unions should be taken for granted by the NDP or by anybody."

For some time now it's been pretty obvious that the marriage between unions and NDP had turned frigid. While labor tried to dismantle wage and price controls, NDP governments in Manitoba and Saskatchewan implemented them. While labor embraced "tripartism" or power-sharing between government, labor and business, NDP Leader Ed Broadbent condemned it as undemocratic.

Frigid Marriage

McDermott, one of the country's most powerful labor leaders, a probable 1978 candidate for the presidency of the Canadian Labor Congress, brought the internal debate to the sticking-point of either divorce or a new co-equal partnership, by his public comments a week ago that labor was "tired of paying the bills," only to have the NDP "desert us in the crunch."

A closer relationship is McDermott's own choice. "I'm a strong party man," he says. It's also the goal of Broadbent, who has said that the NDP's alliance with labour is "our foundation. If it goes, everything goes."

In a bid to get things back together again, the two sides held a private, five-hour meeting a month ago. Labor and NDP staff now will work jointly on research topics like investment and unemployment.

A more dramatic proposal would place one of the four executive members of the CLC on the NDP executive as an ex-officio member, much as happens in Britain where unionists play a direct role in the running of the Labor party. If adopted, this move would end the organizational isolation of the labor movement from the NDP which, in a conscious departure from British practice, was agreed to at the party's founding convention in 1961.

To sustain the alliance, Broadbent last week moved to force a parliamentary



DENNIS McDERMOTT
unconventional labor leader

debate on the wage and price control legislation. Some observers speculate that he was responding to McDermott's outburst. He wasn't. Rather, Broadbent was anticipating the Jan. 31 meeting between the CLC and Prime Minister Trudeau (the agenda topic will be de-controls), the first session between the two sides since labor's Oct. 14 day of protest.

Tripartism remains an irritant between labor and NDP. Broadbent still sees the concept as a threat to parliament.

Labor in fact has started to shift ground. Once it advocated a tripartite council with sweeping executive authority; now its goal is, or seems to be, a labor-business board that would advise government in a manner not greatly different from the Economic Council of Canada and the Labor Relations Council, that organized labor, quit last spring in a gesture of protest against controls.

Labor's problem, indeed, has become how to abandon tripartism without abandoning face. A complicating factor is that in June, CLC president Joe Morris, the prime advocate of tripartism, will almost certainly be elected president of the Geneva-based International Labour Organization. The post will bring Morris a good deal of honor; it will also take him out of the country for much of the year while labor struggles to define what it should be doing.

No Easy Answers

The real marital problems, though, are a good deal more deep-rooted. Labor today is a major force; its day of protest, though bungled, represented its first independent political act. Some labor leaders believe that unions, rather than tie themselves to the NDP which always is on the margin of federal political power, should barter their support to which party — Liberal, Conservative, NDP or whatever — makes an offer labor can least afford to refuse.

Just as many doubts about the partnership exist within the NDP. The new Election Expenses Act makes union contributions (\$400,000 in 1976) less important. A minority of unionists actually vote NDP (only 274,000 of the congress' 2.5 million members are directly affiliated with the party). For these mixed benefits, the NDP gets tagged with a labor image at a time when surveys show that the public dislikes big labor even more than big government or big business.

Lots of hard questions, and no easy answers. But the questions can't be avoided. "The relationship isn't what it should be, there's no point in denying it," says McDermott. "I was out to stimulate debate. My comments have got a lot of people running around with their ass in the air. That's better than dragging them."

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Prison Life

In reference to several articles regarding Canadian penitentiaries, may I add my two bits worth?

Prisons do punish. They always have and they probably always will. The law specifically states that this is to be so; judges affirm it from the bench; and the prisoner learns it at first hand. Let the public make no mistake about this. When prisons were first started, their sole and openly avowed purpose was punishment. The social offender, according to the theory then in vogue, could be cured through suffering; and prisons were designed to administer it. Discipline was harsh, the rule of silence was inviolate, and the inmates were whipped, fed and kennelled like dogs. It was believed that punishment was a cure for crime.

The lash, the rock and the gallows were everywhere looked upon as indispensable to public security. The fact that crime persisted and grew, despite all attempts to stamp it out was a puzzling phenomenon, but one which was confidently expected to adjust itself as soon as a few more culprits had been beaten and tortured and hanged.

Some time later, an opposing theory appeared. Why so much severity, reformers cried, when its only result is to instill in the hearts of the prisoner an abiding hatred of the law, and a desire for revenge? Instead of punishment alone why not try a little reformation? Instead of merely beating men down to the level of the brute, try also to bring out the best in them, through religious instructions and humane treatment.

Too many writers with only the sketchiest knowledge of prison life set themselves up as pundits on all affairs penitentiary. Like Mark Twain's man they know a great deal, but unfortunately, what they know is not so. The more sensational of our nationally-known writers plus the movie version of life in the "big house" has led the public to believe that all prisoners are a mixture of dynamite and arsenic. The public believes that the majority of prisoners spend their time talking out of the side of their mouths planning riot and insurrection. Of course, the people who really know prisoners know that many of the men in prison are casual, accidental offenders, in prison chiefly because of economic insufficiency plus a lack of training.

The prison has a big and difficult job. It is called upon to deal with the failures of other services and institutions. In some cases the inmate has made a mess of his life; more frequently he is a member of a group who has botched the job of living. Sometimes society has failed miserably. The prison knows that great damage has already been done and so begins its job with a decided handicap. At best, it is trying to save or salvage something from the wreckage. The prison finds, when it receives the prisoner, that most of the vicious factors which caused his failure are still in operation.

Many of them cannot be eliminated. And some cannot be entirely counteracted. In the old prison, recreation was considered dulling. In the new prison, recreation is a part of the prison training program. If men were not taught how to properly spend their leisure time before coming to prison, they must be so taught before they leave. If athletics and music and dramatics teach fair play, respect for the other man, and develops character in the schools and colleges throughout the country, they should do the same thing inside prison walls. A prison that fails to establish a recreational program has no right to claim that it adequately protects society.

Many men arrive in prison under emotional strain, mentally upset, and well on the way to mental deterioration. In the old prison, many of these men were pushed further down the ladder of mental deterioration. In the new prison these men are handled as individual cases, and the prison authorities are guided in their program for these men, by the help and suggestions and advice of a staff of psychologists and psychiatrists.

In the movies on prison life, in the literature of present day writers, prisoners still break rocks or sit in idleness about the prison yards. The sad part of it all is that too often, that is just what happens. We must realize that men engaged in moving rocks or bricks from one pile to another and then back again are

still idle men. Work, to be of value, must be productive. Work that is mere physical labor without benefit to the prisoner or to society is of no value. The modern prison must have work for its prisoners and plenty of it, but it must be work with a purpose, work that will be of benefit to the man when he leaves the prison gates.

A man who comes to prison must be taught that only his best work, only his best efforts, will be accepted. It matters not what the work, it may be making shirts, or building a house, it may be baking bread, or firing a furnace. Whatever the job, careless slovenly work should not be tolerated. It is often due to such work that men finally land in prison.

None of the things envisioned here are impractical. Here and there, in one form or another, they are already being done. All that remains to be done is to bring these various practices together in one institution. Ultimate and complete success of these ideals depends on their being out together as a planned and integrated whole. We must remember that no amount of punishment will ever make a contrite and a humble heart, and that the regeneration of man can be accomplished only by methods that improve — methods that develop individual responsibility and self control.

The above is based on 35 years' prison service. — Prison Wise.

Clean Up

This is a letter of complaint concerning those Victoria construction companies that become over zealous in their creative endeavors. Mud, lumber and slimy cement droppings litter the sidewalks around many residential development sites. My disenchantment with the wise money and their unsightly four-storey sculptures becomes enthusiastic as I wade through their droppings. With this same enthusiasm I suggest those money in interests, who fund Victoria's experiment in residential streamlining, ensure that offending contractors curb themselves. A modest public relations policy demands less. The only solution I can suggest is to bring a halt to Victoria's residential construction — Mudfoot Mike.

Humorless, W.D.?

I am sure an old veteran like E. D. Ward-Harris doesn't need anyone to defend him, but I find it impossible to allow the vitriolic attack made on him by W. D. Young (Previous, Jan. 8) to pass without comment.

If Mr. Ward-Harris prefers a well-written suspense yarn to heavy foot noted volumes I can only commend him for his honesty. I don't see any reason why a book reviewer should be all things to all books. Mr. Ward-Harris can leave it to Mr. Young to review the pretentious. Suspense yarns are legitimate subjects for review, like any other category of literature many are well enough written to deserve the serious attention of literary critics.

Mr. Young perhaps is one of these types who condemns all mystery, crime and science fiction books as frivolous trash without ever having read one to find out.

Most heavily footnoted volumes are generally written for students or devotees of a certain subject, they are meant to be enlightening to those people with the appropriate background in the subject, but not necessarily enjoyable.

Since the invention of the printing press man has tended to ignore Ecclesiastes' warning and many, many books have been churned out, truly inspired books, banal trash and pedantic nonsense. Think of the volumes and volumes of sermons and commentaries on the Bible, hair-splitting and dogma. I am told there are over four hundred tomes alone on what exactly Shakespeare had in mind when he wrote Hamlet — stuff no doubt that delights the collector. Today with the policy of publish or be damned in most of our universities we have an over supply of uninspired redundancies.

Well I could go on and on, but why bother? I am sure Mr. Young can't be really so petulant, humorless and absurd as he sounds in his article. — Monica Oldham, 511 Victoria Avenue.

Police State

A letter to Justice Minister Ross Basford:

The intrusion of two combines investigators into the newsrooms of the Vancouver Province and Vancouver Sun Jan. 11 in search of reporters' notes and other material will be deplored and protested by everyone concerned with freedom and liberty in a democracy.

The Star Chamber inquiry by the Restrictive Trades Practices Commission into the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union (secret hearings, opposed by the union which wants an open inquiry, into some matter which also seems shrouded in secrecy) has turned worse by the action of the combines investigators raid at the Province and Sun newspapers. Law enforcement agencies have their job to do, of course. But there are acceptable and meaningful ways of doing this without subverting the traditional freedom of the press and attempting to turn the press into an arm of the law — which it isn't, which it shouldn't be and which it doesn't want to be.

The truly frightening aspect of what has happened in Vancouver is that sources of confidential information who put their trust in the press — in reporters and their editors and their newspapers — may be deterred. Unless we are very careful, we could find ourselves on the first rung of the long ladder down into controlled information, lack of information, restriction of information — the prelude to the police state.

The knock on the door at the Sun and Province did not come in the middle of the night. No one was taken away in secret. The investigators apparently had proper authority to do what they did. And yet, what has happened is frightening, not just in this one case, but in its implications which everyone should understand and appreciate.

Reporters especially will question the significance of what has occurred and be very concerned. If this sort of action becomes commonplace, then it will be too late to protest and to correct.

Reporters do not wish to be turned into arms of the law. They want to do their job, to inform people of what is happening. This can be jeopardized if persons, seeking confidence, and given confidence, find or fear law enforcement officers rummaging through reporters' notes and photographers' pictures. — Roger L. Stonebanks, Western Canada Vice-President, The Newspaper Guild, Victoria.

Don't Understand

It was indeed sweet music to hear the premier extol the virtues of restraints. I trust that he had in mind restraints based proportionately on the ability to exercise such restraints. Of course he had in mind the demands of the trade unions and I agree, wholeheartedly that our labor leaders should moderate their demands. However, surely this government of millionaires should examine their record in their first year in office as the senior citizens and the large majority of our people were hurt very badly by the increases in the sales tax, the 40 per cent increase in income tax, the doubling of medicare rates, the unnecessarily large increases in ferry and ICBC rates, etc., whereas no provision was included in their first budget to impose a surtax on those with incomes of \$25,000 and over. Now we hear that the succession duties, which bring in some \$25 million annually from the large estates, will be abolished.

One also hears very little about restraints on the gouging of the real estate market which has placed house lots and homes out of the reach of so many. I am afraid this cabinet consisting of eight millionaires does not understand the problems of those who strive to make ends meet. It is most distressing. However we the voters are to blame. — M. P. B. Wrixon, 301-1701 Cedar Hill X Road.

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Microwaves: A Hazardous New Technology

By STEPHEN S. ROSENFIELD
Washington Post

The Soviet microwave bombardment apparently making people sick in our Moscow embassy sick with radiation is the tip. For the iceberg, read Paul Brodeur's stunning articles, "A Reporter at Large (Microwaves)," in the Dec. 13 and 20 New Yorkers. They'll leave you sick with rage.

About microwaves: they come from television transmitters, radars, microwave ovens and much else; they touch millions of people especially in cities; their possible hazards to human health were little investigated until recently; the established hazards are scary, the possible ones more so.

Ho hum, you may say, a familiar contemporary tale. What's new is Brodeur's demonstration that it spins out of the Cold War.

In and after the Second War, microwave development came to encompass a range of goods and services now considered integral to the American life style, and the detection and guidance systems critical to

national defence. Since microwaves were thought merely to heat tissue (diathermy), virtually no thought was given to health risks. A safety standard of ten milliwatts of exposure per square centimeter was adopted by military and industry alike.

Meanwhile, the Russians, who unlike the Americans had been making extensive clinical investigations of sick microwave workers, had established a standard of ten microwatts: one-thousandth as much. But because American researchers tended to disapprove of Soviet biological theory and experimental practice, because translations were inadequate and because they assumed the only biological effect was heating tissue, they found little to fret about.

The Pentagon, financing virtually all their research, preferred it that way. It ordered researchers to ensure safety "at the least possible cost to military operations." Over-the-standard leakages at guided-missile installations

were passed over. A maverick ophthalmologist, Dr. Milton M. Zaret, who had been finding that microwaves really hurt people (cataracts, for instance), lost his Defense Department contract. Biophysicist Allan H. Frey, doing pioneer research on the effects of microwaves on the nervous system, was laughed at.

The unraveling began only in 1962 with discovery of the "Moscow Signal"—the embassy bombardment. Most embassy workers, deemed not to have a "need to know," were kept in the dark. The United States conducted secret studies to see if there were biological and even genetic effects. Columnist Jack Anderson caused a flurry, but only a flurry, by breaking part of the story in 1972. "Curiously," says Brodeur, "one sought to refute Anderson's claim that the Russians were trying to alter the minds and

behaviour of American diplomats.

Zaret, by the way, reading that Finns living in two southeastern districts were inexplicably experiencing the world's highest rate of heart attacks, suggested to an international microwave conference that powerful Russian missile-detecting radars might be a factor: the closer to the border, the more heart attacks. The conference, in Warsaw, received him in silence.

From Moscow last February came word that the embassy was again under bombardment—in doses even higher than the permissive American exposure standard. The ambassador himself reportedly suffered nausea and bleeding in the eyes. There followed a series of flabby, often misleading State Department representations of which the latest was issued last week. A department doctor, a

veteran of the official microwave coverup of the 1960s, said he was "absolutely sure" there was "no connection" between certain blood changes recorded in embassy personnel and microwaves.

In fact, the embassy radiation is the easy part. Presidents Nixon and Ford and Henry Kissinger cravenly let the Russians go on assaulting the health and well-being of Americans in Moscow. President-elect Carter and Cyrus Vance should demand that the Russians end the bombardment. If the Russians choose not to, the United States should close its embassy and the Russians' here, dose the Russian embassy with the same poison—something like that. No more sighing.

As for the broader problem of how to cope with a hazardous new technology before its use becomes pervasive and therefore perhaps prohibitively difficult to end, Brodeur is surely right in appealing for a "free and enlightened scientific community" unco-opted

and uncorrupted by the official mentality.

What might have happened, he speculates, "if, instead of scorning mavericks like Zaret, laughing at pioneers like Frey, succumbing to the military's Cold War outlook, and worrying about possible misinterpretations by the press, the scientific community had undertaken to follow the Soviet lead and had seriously studied the biological effects of microwave radiation fifteen or twenty years ago, when the first disconcerting signs appeared."

At best, he concludes, the public might have asserted

much earlier "its inalienable right to know, and to question the conspiracy of silence about the potential hazards of

microwave radiation—a policy that the government was able to maintain for years on the very basis that the public, according to the parlance employed by military and intelligence people in matters deemed to involve security, had 'no need to know.'

The Destruction Has Just Begun In South Africa

By JOHN BURNS

JOHANNESBURG — When a group of black street sweepers entered a downtown store the other day soliciting a Christmas tip, the white owner pulled out a revolver and fired, wounding one in the leg. "I was sure they had come in to rob me," said Samuel Shevak, proprietor of the Mer-rythought Gift Boutique.

Four days later and a few blocks away a white policeman, who said later that he thought he had seen a black pickpocket, opened fire. He missed the presumed pickpocket but killed a 56-year-old white grandmother. Her husband, Douglas Norrington, a company director, said he found it frightening that a policeman should consider opening fire in a crowded street.

Not long before, a white security guard in Hillbrow, the Greenwich Village of Johannesburg, opened fire on a black man who approached him in daylight offering to sell him watches and rings. The guard missed, shattering the windshields of two cars. He told the police that he had suspected the hawker of being a thief.

These incidents, culled from more than a dozen involving death by gunfire chronicled by the Johannesburg newspapers in the space of 10 days, point up what has become a major problem in South African life: the lethal use of firearms by one of the most heavily armed civilian populations in the world. For 4.2 million whites in South Africa, there are more than 1.25 million registered weapons, or a gun for every fourth person.

Proportionately, very few of the country's 18.6 million blacks have firearms. Occasionally, the press reports a gangland-style shooting in Soweto, the largest of the black townships, outside Johannesburg, or the seizure by the police of Soviet-made weapons destined for the political underground. But by and large the weapons of common crime in the black community are not guns but knives and sharpened bicycle spokes.

The low level of gun ownership among blacks is a result of government policy under which only a few blacks, mostly middle-class professionals and businessmen, are granted licences.

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The use of gunfire to disperse rioters has resulted in the deaths of at least 375 blacks but it has caused relatively little outcry in the white community at large. While liberal newspapers and politicians rage against the killing, most whites have taken the view that the police have done no more than necessary to protect property and innocent lives.

Undoubtedly, it is a view conditioned by the prevalence of guns among whites and the frequency with which they are used to settle even-trivial disputes. South Africans often seem to have become inured to casual use of firearms.

In the year ended last June, 17,550 South Africans were officially listed as victims of murder or culpable homicide, a lesser charge. The law provides the death penalty for murder, but few whites are hanged. In 1974, the last year for which figures are available, 40 people were executed, only one of them white.

New York Times

By STANLEY UYS
London Observer

It used to be just the rich and the liberal in South Africa who spent their time at dinner parties discussing ways of getting themselves and their money out of the country. Now it is also the not-so-rich and not-so-liberal. The rot of self-doubt is spreading among four million whites.

If it were not for the strict restraints the Vorster Government imposes on the transfer of funds out of the country, or for the highly selective nature of immigration these days in Britain, Canada, Australia, the United States and other English-speaking countries, South Africa now would be witnessing an exodus greater, probably than the one that occurred at the time of Sharpeville in 1960.

There is hardly anybody left in South Africa today, black or white, who is under any illusion that 1977 will not be a year of strife and even bloody conflict. Having just lived through the Six Months That Shook South Africa, even the dimmest whites are aware, even if only vaguely, that some kind of awful human cataclysm has taken place.

You do not shoot 360 people, convict 1,381 (927 of them juveniles under 18), inflict corporal punishment on 528, take 2,915 to court (1,632 on charges of public violence), hold 197 terrorism trials, and detail 607 for "security reasons," without causing an upheaval that scars the nation permanently, both physically and psychologically.

And this score card, the product of six months of black unrest, is only a conservative estimate.

The events that began on June 16 with the Soweto shootings, traumatized the youth of the 21 million black population. They exploded on June 16 because, unlike their parents, they could not live with apartheid any longer. If that was their anger then, one can imagine what it is like

now: after the shootings, raids, trials and detentions. One hammer blow after the next has smashed the overt manifestations of black consciousness and forced the movement underground, or into the new guerrilla training camps across the borders.

This is the generation of blacks with whom white South Africans one day will have to negotiate their future. Is the future negotiable?

The tragedy of South Africans who have forced themselves to leave the country because they fear the blacks, or a repressive Afrikaner regime, or simply because their world (including the economy) is collapsing around them, is a minor, personal tragedy. The real tragedy is that the majority of four million whites have decided to dig in, rather than share their power and privileges.

Wherever one goes in South Africa today, one has to listen to this unreal debate about whether "we will pull through," or whether "things will be all right." Of course they will not be all right.

It is all very well to say that



Wives of white South Africans take target practice at indoor range in Johannesburg

all whites in South Africa are equally culpable with Afrikaner nationalists; but, at least, if all whites were given a chance to pool their talents and ideas, instead of having to subordinate themselves to the politics and passions of Afrikaner nationalism, the approaching conflict in South Africa would be diminished, and with it the "approaching destruction." Blacks have started now in earnest to fight for their rights, and whites are resisting them. The result can only be conflict, and increasing conflict; and because blacks outnumber whites five to one, they have the capacity eventually to plunge the country into one crisis after the next.

It is to the credit of a considerable number of whites, that they can see what is hap-

pening as clearly as any black man can see it, and they are imploring Mr. Vorster to see it as well: businessmen, politicians, newspaper editors, academics, Churchmen—all are sounding a chorus of warning. It is unfair to these white South Africans to suggest they are all drinking gin by their swimming pools while the flames of revolt lap at their thatched-roof mansions.

But there are not enough of them, and they do not have power. The power struggle in South Africa today is between blacks on one side and Afrikaner nationalists on the other, and the only imponderable factor in the situation is—how much destruction will the Afrikaner nationalists inflict on the country before

they are forced to come to their senses?

My own guess is that the destruction will be considerable. Afrikaner nationalists are more than a living organism. For the past 50 years or longer, they have painstakingly woven the threads of Afrikaner nationalism into the very fabric of South African life, through a multiplicity of organizations and laws, control of key jobs and institutions, and an all-pervasive influence.

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This means that the two groups, blacks and whites, will continue to inhabit the same physical space and work and live together. But what will the quality of the whites' lives be?

Will they come to terms with their situation in time? Or is it their destiny to have to co-exist with people, who daily, and visibly, will hate their guts?

The Perfect Newspaper

By BORDEN SPEARS
Toronto Star

The perfect newspaper has not yet been produced: This is more than a little surprising in the light of the helpful guidance that is so generously offered to editors, from all quarters, every day of their working lives.

Perhaps they are simply too busy, too much occupied in sifting nuggets of news from an endless torrent of unrelated facts, to absorb the advice they are given. It may therefore be serviceable, at this season of stocktaking and resolutions for the future, to summarize what the helpful critics are saying. On the principle that the customer is always right, here is the handy brief compendium of Rules for the Perfect Newspaper.

The perfect newspaper will publish only good news. This may entail the almost unthinkable sacrifice of not publishing at all on certain days—when a general tax increase is announced, for example, and One Man's Family is preempted for a presidential press conference. On such days, the perfect newspaper will be no newspaper.

The perfect newspaper will not report that the new vice-president of Amalgamated Widgets is "an attractive mother of four."

The perfect newspaper will consist of headlines only. As every discerning newspaper reader knows, every other newspaper reader merely scans the headlines and ignores the tiresome messages beneath them. A headlines-only policy will realize the important economies of newsprint for the publisher and save time for the harassed consumer.

The perfect newspaper will be edited by Senator Keith Davey.

The perfect newspaper will be kind to school teachers, employees of the Post Office and producers of plays that should not have been produced.

The perfect newspaper will assert its position of leadership on the issue of Quebec separation, and also satisfy its readers, by (a) urging support for Prime Minister Trudeau; (b) opposing concessions to Quebec; (c) advocating concessions to Quebec; (d) condemning any concessions to Quebec. It will take similarly decisive positions on gun control, abortion and slavery.

The perfect newspaper will spell everyone's name correctly.

The perfect newspaper will publish all letters from readers in their entirety, regardless of length and substance. This policy will result in the provision of such information as the precise attendance at games played by the Edmonton Oilers of the World Hockey Association in November and December, 1974, and January and February, 1975, together with comments thereon.

The perfect newspaper will be printed in ink that does not rub off on the tablecloth.

The perfect newspaper will compile a list of words that are not used in its pages. Among these are "hopefully,"

"viable," "interface," "rap" and "blast." It will also refuse to accept further advertisements for "factory fresh organs."

The perfect newspaper will solve each problem that perplexes society with a single Olympian pronouncement. This places an obligation on the populace to follow the prescription, but it eliminates the need for hard thinking and allows attention to be concentrated on such pressing matters as the point spread in the Super Bowl game.

The perfect newspaper will print lots of pictures of animals and no pictures of undraped females.

The perfect newspaper will hold the confidence of the community by observing the policy laid down by an English publisher in C. E. Montague's book, *A Hind Let Loose*. "The people," he instructed his editor, "must be kept next to." "Kept next to?" asked the editor. "What does that mean?" The publisher explained: "Told they're right."

The perfect newspaper, in the unlikely event that it commits an error, will give equal prominence to its correction. It will of course expect equal candor from statesmen who make political blunders and corporate executives who make bad business decisions.

The perfect newspaper, it will be seen, is a somewhat different product from that which has been sanctioned by custom. And it faces one difficulty: offering no targets for criticism, it may be just a trifle dull by comparison. There is comfort in the reflection that it is not likely to appear in 1977.

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Spicer Wants 'Clarification'

OTTAWA (CP) — Keith Spicer, commissioner of official languages, said Friday he wants clarification brought to two sections of the Official Languages Act in light of a court ruling Wednesday concerning the language of air traffic control.

The Canadian Press erroneously reported Friday that Mr. Spicer suggested in a statement that the two sections were misinterpreted in the Federal Court of Canada ruling which rejected a challenge by a Quebec aviation group to a federal order restricting the use of French in air communications.

"I did not suggest that Mr. Justice Louis Marceau had misinterpreted the act," Mr. Spicer said Saturday.

"It is not for me to question the carefully-reasoned judgment of this outstanding

Cancer Data Trade

LYON, France (AP) — Cancer centres around the world plan to share data on factors that may affect the disease. The International Cancer Research Centre here said the data to be shared would include diet, race, environment and pollution.

Mr. Justice Marceau said in his decision the sections of the act declaring English and French equal in federal institutions is merely "introductory" to the sections which follow.

But Mr. Spicer said in his statement he considers the section to be the cornerstone of the act with "more than simply the status of a preliminary declaration."

He said also that he would interpret more generously than Judge Marceau another section of the act providing for services to the public in both official languages "to the extent that it is feasible."

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Canada's electric utilities are doing their best to stay ahead of the rising power demands. But this task is not without its problems.

One problem is that in the utilities business, it takes between ten and fifteen years to set up facilities to generate additional power. That's how far ahead electric utilities have to plan if the power supply is to keep up with the increasing demand.

Despite frequent rate increases, Canadians continue to take electricity for granted. It's only human.



But added to natural growth demands and the fact that in many parts of the country people are switching to electricity from other forms of energy, there is an increasing need for ever larger generation and transmission facilities.

Try to keep some of these facts in mind when your power bill goes up.

Remember, you're using more electricity and that requires more power stations. Together, the result

is increased power rates.

It is not the intent of the power companies to grow blindly and meaninglessly, but to thoughtfully plan for the future power needs of the people of Canada so that we will all be able to enjoy the fruits of electrical technology tomorrow, and into the foreseeable future.



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New Coal Mine Abandons Plan for Thermal Power

VANCOUVER (CP) — Rio Algom Ltd., which plans a huge coal strip mine in the east Kootenay area, has abandoned a proposal to provide power at the site by burning coal in a thermal generating plant at the mine site.

Originally, the Toronto-based company said its proposed \$200 million mine near the United States-Canadian border would get power from a 40-megawatt, coal-fired plant at the mine site.

A preliminary environmental impact assessment states that power for the project will be bought from B.C. Hydro which will construct a 51-mile power line to the mine from a substation at Natal, near Fernie.

"Estimated power requirements for the project and community are 30 megawatts which include provision for electric heating in the town," the report said.

David Willock, Rio Algom public relations officer, said in a telephone interview from Toronto that the estimated cost of a thermal plant using the company's own coal had been higher than expected.

Willock said the company estimates it will be cheaper and will cause less pollution if electric power is bought from B.C. Hydro is used.

The project site is 30 miles southeast of Fernie on Cabin Creek, a tributary of the Flathead River which flows south across the border into Montana.

In 1975, Rio Algom said the mine complex would employ 628 workers but the new report estimates the work force at 875.

Rio Algom and Pan Ocean Oil Ltd. of Pan Ocean Oil Ltd. of Pan Ocean are 60-40 partners in the project and their subsidiary, Sage Creek Coal Co. Ltd., will be the developer.

The coal will be stripped from two hills overlooking Cabin Creek and the miners will be housed at a new town at the site about six miles north of the U.S. border.

The report says the 875 miners and 122 jobs in support and service industries would create about \$16 million a year in new wages to the area.

The new town would house about 3,000 people and would, according to the report, need an elementary school, residential medical facilities, a fireman, RCMP, de-

tachment, and government social service staff.

Willock said the mining project was expected to last 25 to 30 years.

The coal will be transported from the mine on a new railway spur line of about 45 miles connecting with the main CPR line, says the report.

To maintain a mine producing three million tons of coal a year, one 8,000-ton train per day would be needed to carry the coal to Roberts Bank. In addition, a new access road to the mine will be necessary and three alternate routes are being studied.

The report says the reclamation plan will include re-contouring and revegetating the excavation and discard sites. Stored topsoil will be put back on the areas to be re-farmed. All runoff water will be diverted into settling ponds.

REPORT OUT THIS WEEK ON SURREY LAND BUY

VANCOUVER (CP) — A preliminary report on a land purchase by Leslie Harrington, Surrey assistant municipal manager, will be completed this week, a provincial government spokesman said Sunday.

Investigation into the transaction was ordered by Municipal Affairs Minister Hugh Curtis last week after reports that Harrington bought 15 acres of Surrey land in 1975, six months before the installation of sewer service.

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DARTS TOURNEY at the Langford branch of the Royal Canadian Legion on Saturday raised approximately \$500 for the Canadian Cancer Society. Here, left to right, Jack Bangay, Bill McDonald and Billy Price, all members of the Victoria District Darts Association, sponsors of the event, wait for the breakthrough.

Rhodesian Police Arrest Canadian

SALISBURY (AP) — A Canadian student who disappeared last week after being ordered to leave Rhodesia as a prohibited immigrant has been arrested by police, a spokesman said today.

Michael Macara, 20, of Athabasca, Alta., who was searching for a master's degree in philosophy at the multi-racial University of Rhodesia here, gave himself up to police Sunday morning, the spokesman said.

Macara disappeared from his home Tuesday after im-

migration officers declared him a prohibited immigrant on the grounds that he was an "undesirable character."

A warrant was issued for Macara's arrest on charges of disobeying the immigration authorities.

Police could not immediately say whether Macara would appear in court to face charges, arguing that the immigration department will have to decide. Immigration officials refused to say what Macara's fate will be.

A friend of Macara said the Canadian lost his passport and that until he was issued a fresh one by his government the Rhodesian authorities were reluctant to put him on a plane out of here.

"There's no earthly reason why Michael should have been victimized like this," one friend said. "He was a serious and earnest student, and the only thing I can think of that has been used against him is that he had many black friends including blacks with militant political ideas."

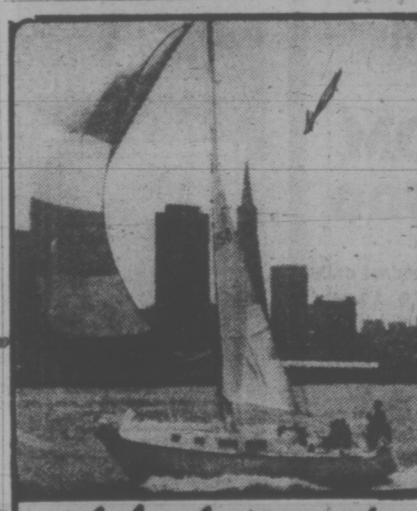
The council's public works committee decided this week to recommend a \$50 fine for the first offence, \$200 for a second offence, and a maximum fine of \$500.

"The amount of vandalism in our parks is intolerable," Ald. Fred Seversen said. "We're almost unable to cope with it."

In addition, the parks and recreation committee with the assistance of parks administrator Frank Andrews will draw up a new scale of fees for use of parks facilities.

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Little Snow Could Hit B.C. Water

VANCOUVER (CP) — British Columbia is having one of the worst snow droughts on record and there could be a water shortage this summer as a result, says an official of the B.C. water rights branch.

Southern peninsula residents have said the new schedules are inadequate and are weakening the economy in the region.

"We normally take readings on Feb. 1 but because of the light snow conditions we took a limited number of readings on Jan. 1," Hunter said.

"The Okanagan readings were the lowest for the past 12 years when we first started to keep records."

"It is almost unbelievable to see so little snow in the province," he said. "If the trend towards very little snow continues for the next few weeks there will be a low runoff in the rivers that are fed from the snowpacks, resulting in low levels in lakes and reservoirs."

The day-long meeting was called by the McGregor Action Group, a Prince George citizens' group formed to battle Hydro's plans to dam the McGregor River.

The dam would be built about 60 miles east of here, uniting a Pacific and Arctic watershed. Government reports say the dam would reduce the flow of the Fraser river by 20 per cent. Flood-liable timber land and create a potential danger to the salmon industry.

Hydro is also planning to dam the Peace near Revelstoke.

The motion to oppose construction of the McGregor dam was backed by company officials of Northwood Pulp and Timber of Prince George which could lose valuable timber in the McGregor valley.

However, Northwood officials didn't vote on a motion criticizing Hydro's lack of research into alternate energy forms.

Graham Farstad, chairman of the McGregor Action Group, said the province is coming to the end of an era which saw massive dams built to supply energy.

Farstad said damming the McGregor could be a major precedent in damming the Fraser at lower points along the river.

The motion condemning hydro's research into alternate energy also criticized other utility policies. The motion attacked Hydro's policy of giving high-energy consumers a discount—a poor record of pro-

tection. Northwood officials didn't vote on a motion criticizing Hydro's lack of research into alternate energy forms.

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Patrick Division		W L T F A P			
Philadelphia	45	26	10	9	131
NY Islanders	45	26	10	7	153
Atlanta	45	22	16	7	152
NY Rangers	45	20	13	8	173
Colorado	45	19	21	7	121
St. Louis	45	19	21	5	131
Chicago	45	13	6	4	140
Minnesota	45	13	6	4	125
Toronto	45	11	10	3	125
Cleveland	45	11	10	3	127
Adam Division	45	19	21	5	131
Buffalo	45	28	13	4	165
Boston	45	21	18	6	143
Toronto	45	21	18	6	143
Cleveland	45	14	18	6	143
Narrow Division	45	19	6	4	122
Montreal	45	18	6	4	121
Pittsburgh	45	14	21	5	133
Los Angeles	45	14	21	5	133
Detroit	45	12	25	7	113
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Next Game: Tonight — Montreal at Boston.					

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Racers' Players Agree To Salary Deferment

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The financial difficulties of Indianapolis Racers and the bleak outlook for Minnesota Fighting Saints were the leading problems confronting the World Hockey Association's board of trustees, gathering here for meetings prior to Tuesday's all-star game at

though the Indianapolis situation may already have been resolved.

Indianapolis players agreed Sunday to accept a partial salary deferment. Club officials said the players will be paid in full at the end of the season.

The players' decision, reached unanimously, appears to assure the survival of the three-year-old club.

Club president Harold Duote said there had been a large injection of capital on the weekend by the owners. He declined to say how much money the club had received.

The Fighting Saints announced they were suspending their franchise Friday night and cancelled games scheduled at Quebec City Saturday and here Sunday.

They sold seven top players to Edmonton in a last-ditch effort to lower their payroll and raise some working capital. Two of the players in-

voiced were goalie Lou Levaseur and centre Dave Keon.

Levaseur and Keon were to play for the East in Tuesday night's game, but the sale — if it is approved by WHA chief executive Ben Hatskin or president Bill MacFarland — would put the two players in the West Division.

The remaining five players involved in Friday night's transaction were defenceman Bill Butters and forwards John McKenzie, Mike Antonovich, and the Carlson brothers — Steve and Jack. Their status as well as that of the remaining Saints players, is expected to be decided by the end of Tuesday's board meeting.

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Title Split For Saanich

RICHMOND — Saanich minor hockey teams had mixed fortunes in finals of the Richmond Toyota Tournament on Sunday.

Saanich Metro Toyota topped White Rock 4-2 to win the midget title but Saanich Saunders and Hitchman dropped a 2-0 decision to Fuller Lake in the bantam final.

Jack Wallis led Metro in the final with two goals while singles were added by Randy Wickware and Mark Byrne. Saanich advanced to the final by clubbing Port Alberni 8-2 Saturday. Phil Varcoe (3), John Newberry, Robert Jacobson, Tracy Patterson, Wallis and Wickware connected in that contest.

Saunders and Hitchman advanced with a 3-0 decision over New Westminster early Sunday and a 2-0 win Saturday over White Rock.

Brian Goodwin (2) and Shawn Connors scored Sunday while Lane Crockett and Goodwin connected Saturday.

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Indianapolis	41 25 13 2 1 10 5	
Cincinnati	42 22 18 2 1 12 5	
St. Louis	40 23 16 2 1 13 5	
New England	46 17 25 4 1 18 3	
Birmingham	47 15 31 1 104 169 31	

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San Diego	44 25 17 2 1 8 5	
Houston	40 23 16 1 1 13 4	
Winnipeg	40 23 16 1 1 12 4	
Edmonton	41 19 21 2 1 12 5	
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Skillings, Thomson Earn Island Berths

By BILL WALKER

Times Staff

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B-EVENT
Becker Watson 100 100 01x x-3
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Skillings Matheson 202-101 300 x-7
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SATURDAY
Hodge 3, Dagg 3
Fraser 4, Matheson 4
Anderson 6, Stobie 2
Bjola 6, Cummings 5
Skillings 7, Matheson 4
Hawkes 9, Hill 8
Peterson 9, Graham 1
Anderson 10, Macquade 3
Bjola 7, Marshall 6
Stobie 8, Matheson 4
Peterson 10, Anderson 4
Hodge 9, Hawkes 7
Becker 11, Matheson 6
Skillings 12, Sallis 10
Watson 8, Peterson 7
Anderson 10, Matheson 3

A-EVENT
Harvey 10, Matheson 7
Hodges 9, Matheson 6
Thomson 8, Stewart 7
Stewart 11, Becker 4

FINAL
Harrison 10, Stewart 5
Harvey 10, Thomson 4

PERSONNEL OF RINKS

Tim Horison, Don Edi, Greg Bannister, Jim Matheson, Barry Harvey, Les Brice, Ken Wark, Ken Lawler (3), Jim Matheson, Murray Walker, Don Nemeth, Kim Browning (V), Harvey Harrison, Peter P., Glen Harper, Glyn Hughes, Vern Koenig, Jim Wright (D), Jack Taylor, Archie McMinn, Barry Manson, Darlene Kurnynik, Ivan Carisic, Wayne Morrow, Wayne T. Beskau, Jim Glasson (C), Ralph Boyd, Gava Enns, Barry Underwood, George Zlotkowski (CR).

curling playdowns at Mill Bay beginning Friday night.

Steve Skillings of the Victoria club and Harvey Thomson of Playland Sunday joined Tim Horigan of Victoria and Barry Harvey of Playland in the eight-rink final.

Skillings edged Len Stewart of Juan de Fuca Curling Club 5-3 in one of the tightest and best-played matches of the double-elimination tournament while Thomson breezed to a 10-2, four-end decision over Doug Watson of Juan de Fuca in Sunday's "B" final.

Horigan qualified Saturday night with a 20-5 victory over Stewart while Harvey trimmed Thomson 10-4.

Horigan and Harvey were unbeaten. Horigan beat Moes Hill, Skillings and Watson in addition to Stewart while Harvey, who drew a first round bye, won from Keith Dagg of Victoria, Don Matheson of the Racquet Club and then Thomson by Irving Strickland.

Skillings lost to Horigan in his first game and then came back to win from Jack Johnstone of Mill Bay, Al Frame of Oak Bay, Fred Sallis of Esquimalt and Matheson before Sunday's final.

Thomson's only loss was to Harvey in the "A" final. Earlier he had beaten Jack Anderson of Juan de Fuca and Sallis.

Thomson blew the "B" final against Watson wide open in the first end with a big five

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Milwaukee 3
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Spokane 3
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Hull 1 Trois-Rivières 2
Cornwall 3 Quebec 1
Sherbrooke 4 Saguenay 4
Ontario Major
Sudbury 5 Windsor 4
Kingston 2
Saskatchewan Junior
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Prince Albert 9
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Moose Jaw 7 Melville 5

SATURDAY
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Hershey 4 Riverdale 2
New Haven 4 Springfield 4
Kansas City 4 Fort Worth 3
Oklahoma City 4
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Port Huron & Davies 2
Kalamazoo 2
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Spokane 5 Kimberley 4
Cranbrook 3 Ontario Major
St. Catharines 9 Sault Ste. Marie 4
Peterborough 5 Oshawa 2
Melville 5 Saskatchewan Junior
Nanaimo 5 Victoria 4
Vancouver 7 Langley 5
Abbotsford 4 Bellingham 2
Cranbrook 7 Chilliwack 2
Vancouver 4 Surrey 3

ZACHRY SIGNS
CINCINNATI (AP) — Pat Zachry, co-rookie of the year in 1976, has signed his 1977 National League baseball contract. Cincinnati Reds have announced.

Team Tenpin Title To John's Bowlers

John's Bowlers, sparked by Bill Martin's high triple of 601, won team honors Sunday in the 37th annual Victoria city men's tenpin bowling championships at Mayfair Lanes.

The team, which also in-

cluded Bill Wilcox, Fergy McPherson, John Wilcox and Neil Parker, rolled a scratch series of 2,687. Combined with a handicap of 450, it gave John's Bowlers a 3,137 total and a margin of five pins over Labatts of the Tuesday League.

The Ralph's finished third with a total of 3,096.

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Saanich Refused Boxla Franchise

Saanich and Surrey applications for franchises in the Western Canada Junior Lacrosse League were turned down at a league meeting Sunday in Richmond.

"It was decided against expansion for 1977 on the grounds the applications were too close to existing franchises and there was a danger of overexposure," said Bob Reid of Victoria.

However, the league will expand in the 1978 season.

Reid said the league will accept applications for franchises on northern Vancouver Island and the North Abbotsford-Langley areas. Applications must be made by June 1, 1977.

BRITANNIA No. 7, R.C.L.

MONTHLY MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

TEMPORARY MEETING AT ELKS CLUB
MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE REQUESTED
FOR IMPORTANT BUSINESS

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WCHL SUMMARIES

Eastern Division

Team	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Brandon	45	32	13	5	264	151	69
Saskatoon	43	27	18	8	200	125	62
Fin. Flon	39	8	20	11	143	813	27
Regina	42	2	34	6	102	389	27

Western Division

Team	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
New West	26	10	10	6	185	109	59
Kamloops	44	17	18	7	185	109	59
Victoria	42	17	18	7	175	167	41
Calgary	39	19	17	2	192	185	40

Central Division

North West

Team	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Lethbridge	45	18	12	10	209	179	46
Medicine Hat	42	17	18	7	197	192	44
Winnipeg	39	19	17	2	192	185	38

South West

Team	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Calgary	44	15	21	8	202	230	40

First Period

1. Victoria, Fraser (15) (Lupul)

2. New Westminster, Derkson (Maxwell, Smyl) 12:10.

3. New Westminster, Zaharko (MacLean, Smith) 13:00.

4. Victoria, Robertson (19) (Lupul, Heck) 13:40.

5. Brandon, Chisholm (V) (major, same misconduct) 10:57; Hobbins (H) 11:00; Parsons (NW) 17:13.

Second Period

5. Victoria, Fraser (16) (Robertson, Smyl) 12:52.

6. New Westminster, Beck (Maxwell, S. Smith) 13:52.

7. New Westminster, Creasy (Hobbin, H) 14:00.

8. Brandon, Doherty (Hobbin, Hobbin) 14:00.

9. Victoria, Robertson (16) (Robertson, Robertson) 14:52.

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Couriers

Outpace

Post Office

By AL FORREST

Times Staff

Victoria merchants say the post office has failed to keep up with changing times and no longer meets their requirements for fast, dependable delivery.

They are reluctantly turning to courier firms — but would prefer to deal with an upgraded post office service which would be cheaper and would operate on a national basis.

The courier services are thriving in the absence of competition from the post office. One year ago there were 36 courier and delivery services listed in the Victoria telephone book. This year there are 45.

Vince Martin, supervisor of Canadian Courier Services Ltd. in Victoria, says business is increasing every week.

"It is the strikes or the threat of strikes that do us the most good," he said.

"Every time the postmen talk about walking off the job we get a flood of new customers."

Victoria Chamber of Commerce manager Brian Small agrees it is the strike threat that has soured many Victoria businessmen on the post office.

"Nobody wants to put any documents in the mail if they are going to get held up by a strike."

Brian Hobbs, provincial-federal affairs director for the chamber, says his committee will prepare a detailed brief on mail problems and present it to Postmaster-General Jean-Jacques Blais.

"This is the age of speed and communications," he said. "The post office should be able to adjust its methods to meet the modern requirements of the business community."

Hobbs, display advertising

manager for Victoria Press Ltd., said one customer had to send an employee by plane from Toronto delivering advertising copy at a number of cities across the prairies. He ended his journey in Victoria, handing over an advertisement in person.

"He said the company felt it could not depend upon the mail. That type of personal delivery system is very expensive."

Other merchants told similar stories.

"We have come to depend upon our own company mail service rather than the post office," said Simpsons-Sears regional manager Jack Hutchins said.

"I don't think the post office service is getting any worse. But it isn't getting any better."

"The main thing we hear about is lost cheques. That's a very old game called I Put a Cheque In the Mail This Morning. You Should Get It In a Few Days.

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Snowstorms and fog often delay planes for several days, he said, and the mail carrier gets the blame.

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In Winnipeg, the postmaster-general said the post office is losing about \$90 million of business per year to the private courier services. Winning some of this business back would help reduce the estimated \$300 million deficit the service will encounter this year.

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Vince Martin: "Strike threats do us the most good"

was delivered in Victoria Jan. 13.

A small Christmas parcel mailed Nov. 15 in Paris took two months to be delivered here.

And there are many more.

There are many organizations, working independently, trying to find a solution.

Last week Victoria Press received a number of letters from U.S. points all mailed Dec. 23, suggesting that a sack was mislaid over the Christmas door.

Victoria lawyer Gerald Neely is promoting a system whereby all local law firms would distribute mail and documents through a central clearing office in the Law Courts building. This idea has been adopted only on a modified scale and he is continuing

to advocate a full mail-sorting system in the building.

Companies are developing and expanding their own mail and parcel delivery systems.

Others are encouraging the formation of courier services that operate on a national basis so they only have to deal with a single firm and not a network of regional operations.

All of them expressed a reluctance to deal with the private companies due to the high costs involved but most insisted that speed and security of delivery were more important than the costs of delivery.



Bill Halcott photo

CARAASH! was heard late Sunday in Mrs. Annie McIntyre's home at 774 Cordova Bay Road when out-of-control auto smashed through wall demolishing bed and other furniture. Driver Blane Rowlett, 32, of 4903 Bellcrest Place, suffered facial injuries and a passenger, Fred Simmons, 53, of 1850 McKenzie is in fair condition with head injuries. Gary McIntyre surveys debris after auto was removed.

'Another Commission' Knocked by Eco Groups

By HUMPHREY DAVY

Times Staff

Appointment of a Forest Policy Advisory Committee is "just another commission investigating the findings of another commission," says Bill Otway, executive director of the B.C. Wildlife Federation.

The provincial government set up the body to review the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Forestry. The inquiry was conducted by forest economist Dr. Peter Pearce who released his report last November.

Said Otway: "The government knows what should be done to improve the management of public forest lands without appointing a committee but it would rather spend \$70 million building a road to nowhere."

He was referring to the government plan to build a highway from Hope to Merritt through the Coquihalla Pass.

He said the government could spend as little as \$10 million on the better management of forest lands.

Patricia Ingalls, president of the Amalgamated Conservation Society, an organization fighting for the rehabilitation of salmon streams, was disappointed in the appointment of the five-man advisory committee.

"The government knows that the citizens of the province don't want logging practices which damage their fisheries resource," he said.

Brentwood Girl Shot

A five-year-old Brentwood Bay girl is in fair condition in Royal Jubilee Hospital with a bullet wound suffered Saturday in an accidental shooting.

Central Saanich police said that apparently Tara Michelle Harknett found a handgun and a bullet in a

drawer in the bedroom of her parents' home at 7042 Hagan Rd.

Police believe she loaded the gun, and then took it over to show a playmate who lives nearby.

While in the hands of her five-year-old friend Tara was hurt, she was rushed to hospital.

Gunman Gets \$300 From Drive-In Girls

A masked gunman early

Sunday stole \$300 cash and \$300 in payroll cheques from two A and W employees taking the day's receipts to a night deposit.

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By LYNN and JOEL RAPP
Mrs. E.E. asks why her Boston fern is turning brown (she's not alone!). It sits in an east window and gets misted daily.

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DUNCAN	SAANICHTON
(110) COWICHAN CENTRE 5856 Clements TUES. 7:00 p.m.	(104) AGRICULTURAL GROUNDS SAANICHTON THURS. 7:00 p.m.
NANAIMO	VICTORIA
(105) MALASPINA HOTEL 38 Front St. MON. 1:00 p.m. MON. 7:00 p.m.	(100) LANGFORD CENTENNIAL HALL 11th Goldstream TUES. 7:00 p.m.
PARKSVILLE	FIRST UNITED CHURCH 100 Hirst THURS. 7:00 p.m.
(112) REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH 100 Hirst THURS. 7:00 p.m.	(102) NORWAY HOUSE 110 Hillside TUES. 7:00 p.m. THURS. 7:00 p.m.
SOOKE	(103) ESQUIMALT-UNITED CHURCH 501 Admiral Street MON. 7:00 p.m. TUES. 7:00 p.m.
(114) HOLY TRINITY CHURCH 1962 Murray WED. 7:00 p.m.	SAANICH LIBRARY 880 Seymour Avenue WED. 10:00 a.m.
PORT ALBERNI	
(106) ELKS BUILDING ASSOCIATION 3044 - 4th St. TUES. 1:00 p.m. TUES. 7:00 p.m.	

Brown Boston Fern Must Be Watered

Lynn and Joel say: Could be underwater. Ferns appreciate lots of water. Once a week, lift the fronds and "flush" it. Give fern eight ounces of water daily. Must have good drainage. Keep room cool, spray lightly once a day, more if heat is on. Provide good light. Trim off all brown fronds and pray.

Joel inquires: "How do you start an avocado seed?" (She's tried twice by putting

the pointed end in water, no success.)

Lynn and Joel: Marge, you don't know which end is up. The broad flat end of the pit must sit in water, suspended with toothpicks, or in damp vermiculite until its roots are two to three inches, then pot.

Lynn and Joel: Sorry, Gladys, it's not natural for Hoyas or any plants to drop leaves along the stem. Hoyas, like most of our green friends, can be encouraged to grow fuller by pinching back. Your plants seems to be suffering from transplant shock and too much water. Place Hoya in brightest light, aerate soil carefully and allow plant to dry out. Mist only occasionally. Happy Growing!

Lynn and Joel: Sounds as if it might be "bugged." Give it a bath or shower with hot soapy water. Move plant into bright light and flush the soil with warm water implemented with vitamin-hormone and give it lots of positive energy. Good luck!

Let's All Go To Adolfo's

By BERNADINE MORRIS
N.Y. Times

NEW YORK — You know what you do here when winter has settled in and the snow lies graying at the curb? You slip into your furs and go see Adolfo so you can plan what you're going to wear when you go south, when you come back and spring looms, and, later on, when the summer sun is high. It's a tradition.

The furs were diverse at his morning show at the St. Regis Hotel here this week, which broke in time for everyone to go to lunch and discuss the clothes. All the regulars were there — Marion Feldman in her sable ("not new, but I love it — as it ages, it gets cozier"), Jan Chipman in her red fox, Gladys Solomon in her lynx, Gisele Masson her sea otter, Laura Johnson in her black and white spotted calf pants suit with the legs thrust into boots. That's Laura Johnson for you.

The clothes were pretty diverse, too: Miniskirts — yes, miniskirts — for those who want them. Peasant outfits for those who've found Adolfo's taffeta skirts such fun to wear at parties this fall. Great big batwing blouses floating over snug shirred elastic hipbands and worn over silk pants or shorts. Take the minis first. They're for Palm Beach or Palm Springs, the designer says, and for young people who can wear them. He's not dictating — that's out of fashion — and he's not joking either.

What did the fans think? "I wish I could," said Mitz Newhouse, wistfully.

"No way," said Ethel Scull, definitely.

"Never," responded Mrs. Feldman. Then she relented. "Except on a boat without shoes."

"Not right this season," said Mrs. Chipman. "I have

had a few friends at show."

to wear the clothes I've already got."

"I'm not ready," said Mrs. Masson. And Carolyn Amory. And Kay Mehan.

Next question.

What about the batwing blouses?

"Perfect." "Imaginative." "A fresh idea to wear at home." Batwing blouses passed. You could tell from the applause anyway. Maybe when the women tried them on, there might be some reservations, but en masse, big approval.

VEXED.

Dear Vex: Possibly, but you'd be able to see it if you reversed the engine and turned the wheels while parked. I'd be more inclined to suspect a pinhole leak, either in one of the hoses or at the steering box. Add some red automatic transmission fluid to your power steering reservoir and see if that'll help.

Most trans fluid is red.)

Dear P.S.: I have a 1959

Chevrolet, with the power steering pump in unit with the alternator. The pump loses fluid, and I have to refill it nearly every day. All hoses seem tight, and there's apparently no leak. Can the power steering be pumping fluid out the filler cap?

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Dear P.S.: I have a 1973

MG Midget. Every once in a while, the starter hangs up on the flywheel gear. A friend clued me in on rocking the car in gear until it snaps out. But how difficult and expensive would it be to cure this permanently? — COLD.

Dear Cold: It's most likely

your starter that's either defective or misaligned. If not, it's burred teeth on your flywheel ring gear. If a shop does the work, you're probably talking around \$100 either way. If you can take off the starter yourself and need only a new pinion or something similar, you might get by for \$10 or less. It's hard to say without pinpointing the problem.

Dear Prevention:

KITIMAT (CP) — A pro-

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Law for Children Too Old

Nearly one dozen pieces of legislation exist to deal with the child and the law in British Columbia.

Much of it is old and does not reflect current accepted child care practices or case law.

Further, some areas of the law, such as custody disputes have several possible routes to solution, each found in a different statute (one of four) with different tests and with one of three different courts administering — provincial, country and Supreme.

These facts appear in one of four briefs prepared by the family law committee of the Victoria Status of Women Action Group (SWAG), in connection with a proposed Unified Family Court, as recommended in the report of the Royal Commission on Family and Children's Law (also known as the Berger Commission).

The briefs are being submitted to British Columbia's attorney-general, Garde Gordon.

In order that the best interests of children and families be served, changes in the law "must be made" SWAG says.

The Berger Commission researched this subject fully and has suggested revisions, deletions and new legislation of prime importance and that the brief firmly supports.

Among these suggestions is a proposal for a simple new Act to deal with the subject of the child and the law.

At present the standards of care for children in British Columbia, as expressed in the Protection of Children Act are "negative, statements about the needs of children," SWAG suggests.

Further "a child under the



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age of 19 has no legal rights and is not a person under the Human Rights Code, of this province."

Too often, the child is a part of the bargaining process in divorce cases; his or her views are rarely taken into account and she or he is not represented by council — although both parents are.

"A child is not a chattel," the SWAG brief insists "and in the legal and administrative process needs to be consulted."

Any statement of children's rights must be universally applicable to children.

Therefore the brief makes it clear SWAG also supports the Berger Commission's suggestion that children with special needs may require unique interpretation of those rights and that "legislation contains a commentary which fully explains the application of children's rights to children with special needs."

The brief expresses concern that legislation on children's rights should, in future, contain an interpretive section which would guide officials in the application of the rights of children where the cultural and ethnic background of the child and his family be taken into account.

"The customs and beliefs of many native, immigrant and ethnic groups must be considered," it says, "and the basic

children's rights seen in the light of these factors."

With regard to the status of children born out of wedlock and who could therefore face social stigma and legal and economic discrimination, SWAG emphatically underlines the Berger Commission's statement that "law reform should proceed on the basis of granting equal status to all children."

This, it points out "should hold true whether or not the child's parents are married."

Also that "not only do we wish to see equal status given all children, but also equality given to all parent-child relationships."

The present Protection of Children Act was passed in 1963 and has not had any major changes since that time. Modern ideas and practices are not served well with this Legislation.

Therefore the Berger Commission has re-written this part of children's law and included it in their proposed Family Law Reform Act, 1975, built upon the following underlying principles:

A broad spectrum of methods needs to be legislated to deal with the wide variety of crises requiring government intervention, with apprehension a technique of last resort.

The adversary system, which has failed in dealing

with child care cases, to be replaced with a more conciliatory approach.

Legislation for early reunification of families to be created with strict controls.

Temporary and permanent guardianship decisions made to reflect a child's sense of time, and the language of the law updated.

SWAG strongly supports all these proposed changes.

It also expresses the belief that a Unified Family Court, including a staff of family counsellors and a family advocate to represent the child's best interest, should be quickly established "with complete jurisdiction over custody, access, and guardianship."

At present there are few alternatives to the adversary process in the resolution of family disputes over custody, access, and guardianship, it points out.

So — "the concept of a Unified Family Court with counsellors available to both parties on an equal basis to help anyone seeking agreement would be a far superior process in terms of time, money and human cost."

In conclusion the brief firmly endorses all recommendations of the Royal Commission on Family and Children's Law (1975).

"They are of central importance to all families in the province today — and tomorrow. For all of us, for our society, for our families and for ourselves."

Copies of the SWAG briefs are available through Avis Rasmussen, now head of the Family Law committee, phone 598-2188. There will be a small charge.

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Energy Waste Burns Him Up

By A. J. HAND

Maybe it's because I'm writing a book for Popular Science Books on the subject of energy conservation. But I am simply appalled by the way North Americans waste energy in heating their homes.

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LOOKING GREAT, veteran star of the silver screen Mae West is dolled up in a white wedding dress, in a scene from her new movie, *Sextette*, now under production. It's about a famous woman marrying her sixth husband. British actor Timothy Dalton is her co-star.

FUND FOR ABBY NOW AT \$25,000

TORONTO — The fund for Abby Droyer, the 13-year-old girl held captive for 181 days in an underground cell, near her Port Moody home, has risen to \$25,000.

Tom Bennett, a Toronto businessman who started the fund-raising campaign, said the money is designed to help the Droyer family relocate and educate the girl, who was found last September. Donald Alexander Hay, 43,

who lived five houses away from the girl, has pleaded guilty to kidnapping.

Bennett visited Abby last week after sending a \$10,000 cheque for Christmas.

"Mrs. Droyer has her house up for sale and I think they'll be moving out of the community," he said.

He said the girl has gained back most of the 56 pounds she lost during the ordeal and "mentally she's fantastic."

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HOLLYWOOD — Groucho Marx and his long-time side-kick, George Fenneman, were reunited Sunday at a ceremony inducting Marx and his three brothers into the Hollywood Hall of Fame. The announcement for Marx' You Bet Your Life radio and television series, cited a recent poll of college freshmen listing Jesus Christ, Albert Schweitzer and Marx as the three men they most admired. "I'm sure Groucho didn't mind taking third billing," he added. Zeppo Marx was unable to attend the ceremony because of illness. Harpo Marx' widow, Susan, and Chico Marx' grandson, Kevin Culhane, accepted plaques on their behalf.

ATLANTA — Strains of We Shall Overcome filled the red brick church where slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King once preached as crowds gathered to celebrate his birthday Saturday. More than 800 persons were in Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King served as co-pastor with his father and hundreds more stood outside in the cold to hear an ecumenical service. King, killed by an assassin's bullet April 4, 1968, at Memphis, Tenn., would have been 48 years old Saturday. The ecumenical service was fol-

lowed by dedication of Rev. King's tomb and a two-mile march for full employment. Several thousand persons participated in the march, from the church to downtown Atlanta.

ALVEDISTON, England —

Former prime minister Anthony Eden was buried today in a simple family service at the 500-year-old parish church in his home village. His family

said a public memorial service would be held later but set no date. Parliament adjourned in Eden's memory today after the reading of tributes by Prime Minister James Callaghan.

LOS ANGELES — Anaïs Nin, best known for her diaries and sensitive words exploring the woman's point of view, has died here at age 74. Cedars-Sinai Hospital spokesman said Saturday the author died shortly before midnight Friday night. Her family declined to disclose any information about her illness. Funeral services are pending. Ms. Nin gained recognition for her series of diaries, which she began in childhood and continued throughout her life. Excerpts were eventually published as a six-volume *The Diaries of Anaïs Nin*. She was a writer who detailed feelings of feminine independence with sympathy and candor.

ST. GEORGE'S, Granada — Prime Minister Eric Gairy of this minuscule Caribbean Island nation believes in flying saucers and extraterrestrial visitors. "We are quite ready, willing and able to accept the phenomenon that there are flying saucers," Gairy said at a weekend ground-breaking ceremony for a meeting hall to be used at the organization of American States' general assembly here in May. "There are people in other planets and they have been visiting our globe," Gairy said, announcing that he will go to Acapulco, Mexico, for an international conference on flying saucers.

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Violinist's First Full Recital Is More Like a Homecoming

By AUDREY JOHNSON
Times Staff

For Trudi Conrad, the Victoria Musical Art Society concert on Sunday at the MacPherson was a debut — her first full professional recital in this city.

But the young violinist is so well known and popular in Victoria musical circles that to many in the audience, it was more of an auspicious homecoming than anything else.

Miss Conrad's recital crowns two years of study with Sandor Vegh at the Salzburg Mozarteum. Assisting her in her program was Robin Wood at the piano in the Brahms G major Sonata, for violin and piano and in the D Major Sonata by 17th century composer Jean Marie Leclair.

The Leclair was the warm-up piece, of moderate interest in itself but servicing well to illustrate Miss Conrad's scrupulous attention to musical detail and sensitive use of the bow in phrasing, as well as

the ideal balance achieved between violin and piano.

With the Brahms and its lovely flowing legato theme in the opening movement, more of the violinist's development came to the fore. She does not produce a big tone but it has become increasingly expressive; there is a mellow warmth and sweetness and a quite lovely quality of vibrato.

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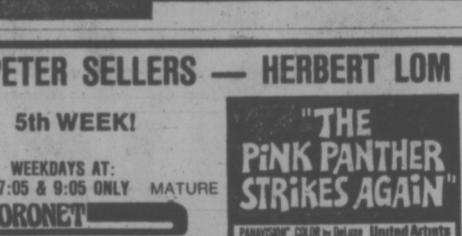
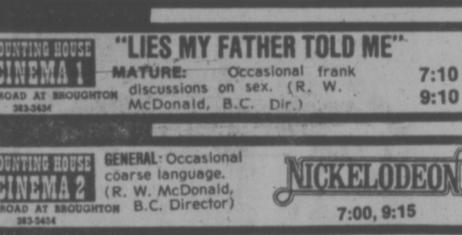
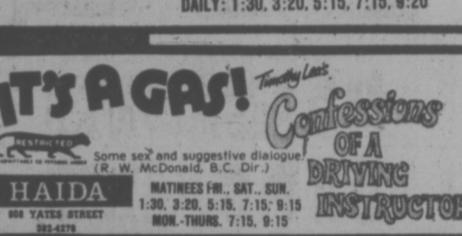
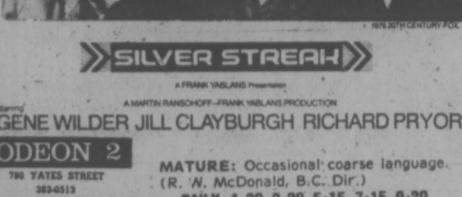
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JAMAICA: EXODUS OF RICH GROWING

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica (AP) — The "For Sale" signs are sprouting along the winding roadways, lacing the forested hills overlooking Montego Bay.

Nestled among the flowers and centuries old trees are the sprawling, one and two-storey residences of the rich. Some sit on bluffs overlooking the Caribbean, set apart from the teeming streets, market-places and docks of this resort city of about 60,000 people.

But many have barred doors and windows. Guards and huge mastiff dogs patrol the grounds.

There is fear among many of the owners—fear that gangs of roaming thugs will break in and rob, beat, rape or kill.

A growing number of the thousands of foreign residents—and some of the prosperous Jamaicans—in Montego Bay,

Kingston and other communities are leaving the island, or considering it, as a result of rising criminal violence.

The latest was the assault, robbery and rape of Lady Sarah Spencer-Churchill and the shotgun wounding of a guest at her fashionable winter home here.

This island of about two million people, a magnet for vacationers, is bracing for repercussions from other closely intertwined circumstances—rising unemployment, depleted finances, renewed overtures to Cuba's Fidel Castro and a harsh economic-sus- tainability program expected to be announced this week by the new re-elected government of Prime Minister Michael Manley.

But it's the criminal violence that frightens people the most, both in the capital city of Kingston and in this winter-time playground of the international set.

"In the last six weeks, there has been an almost 100-percent increase in the number of British subjects applying to go back home, or at least investigating the possibilities," said an officer at the British high commission to Jamaica, a former British colony.

She said most are "long-time residents who are worried about the violence, the political situation and restrictions on money convertibility and personal freedoms."

Reports from U.S. and Canadian officials are not as serious.

"I think you will find it's mainly the upper-class Jamaicans who are leaving," said a Canadian consulate officer. "Our people are watching and waiting. They're worried, and they're talking about moving out, but they're not really doing it. They love it here and they hate to leave."

In an effort to influence a crucial, pending decision by U.S. Commerce Secretary Elliot Richardson on a huge U.S. loan guarantee made by one of the competing LNG shippers, each side of the controversy is accusing Tongson of working improperly for the other.

Richardson is expected to decide this week whether the U.S. government will guarantee \$700 million in loans for the construction of seven LNG supertankers by the General Dynamics Corp. for use by the Burmah Oil Co. of England to ship liquefied natural gas from Indonesia to Japan.

According to federal sources, this would be the largest such U.S. loan guarantee ever made, dwarfing the controversial \$250 million U.S. guarantee made to the troubled Lockheed Aircraft Corp. in 1971.

Without the \$700-million loan guarantee, General Dynamics may have to close its shipyard in Quincy, Mass., and a plant in Charleston, S.C., and lay off 6,000 workers. Burmah Oil, already suffering from an extraordinary debt burden with \$170 million tied up in the tanker deal, likely would lose a 20-year contract to transport LNG to Japan and might go bankrupt, according to British observers.

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Corporate Struggle Centred On Park

Washington Post

WASHINGTON — South Korean businessman Tongson Park, who is under federal investigation for lavishing money and gifts on U.S. congressmen, has become a central figure in a billion-dollar struggle between giant multinational corporations for lucrative contracts for the shipping of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Japan.

Bankers said they did not expect a run on deposits when they open their doors today.

Many have already opened

up-town branches, but the Lebanese banking association set today as official opening day on Beirut's "Wall Street"—the downtown Rue des Barques and Riad Soih Street.

Workmen were still clearing away rubble and repairing shattered windows and shell-blasted walls in the almost-deserted commercial centre, one of the worst battlegrounds of the 19-month civil war.

The Arab League peace-keeping force stepped up its patrols in the area.

Among the banks re-opening or already open were the Bank of America, Chase Manhattan Bank, Citibank, the Swiss Credit Suisse, France's Credit Lyonnais and other foreign banks.

Many banks have opened two branches—one in the city's eastern, Christian sector and another in the western, Moslem zone—for customers who still refuse to cross the "green line" no-man's-land that was the war's deadliest firing line.

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Mystery \$7.7M Fogs Deal

By BOB WOODWARD
Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A mysterious consulting firm with no known assets other than a Swiss bank account and a Bermuda post office box was the beneficiary of an agreement with the Imperial Air Force of Iran to be paid \$7.7 million between 1973 and 1976.

According to documents obtained by The Washington Post Management and Technical Consultants Co. Ltd. (MIC) of Hamilton, Bermuda, was being paid to assist in developing a costly weapons system in Iran for which the U.S. Air Force had already been retained as project manager.

The MIC affair raises many questions that Pentagon

officials, the Iranian government and U.S. private contractors are unable to answer. It is a new example of the murky private dealings surrounding U.S. arms sales abroad, which have reached a \$12 billion yearly level.

Recent investigations by the Senate foreign relations subcommittee on multinational corporations have indicated a broad pattern of payoffs to agents and middlemen who helped American contractors secure business in various countries, including Iran.

There is no evidence in the documents that MIC played such a role, although the material contained inconclusive speculation by the Shah and U.S. military officials associated with the project concerning the destination of the money.

The purpose of the Iranian

contract with MIC, according to the documents, is to develop an automated supply and logistics system for the Shah's modern air force, which has been built during the past four years with billions of dollars in purchases of American jet aircraft and management services.

Pentagon officials say they know nothing about the Bermuda firm or why the Iranian military agreed to pay it \$7.7 million to help develop a complex and costly U.S. weapons system. The Iranian embassy in Washington confirmed the authenticity of the documents obtained by The Post but had nothing further to say about them.

Particularly baffling is that, at the time the agreements with MIC were made, the U.S. Air Force had already been designated to manage the

project. The air force will be paid \$16 million for its services.

In addition, Lockheed Aircraft Corp. was awarded a \$138 million contract last month as the private contractor for the supply and spare parts program, known as Peace Log. The Lockheed contract is expected to grow to \$350 million over six years.

All efforts to track the purpose or final destination of the \$7.7 million end at the doorway of the Chase Manhattan Bank, 63 Rue de Rhone, Geneva, Switzerland.

That is where the money was sent in monthly installments under two separate contracts signed by an Iranian air force general. The cheques were addressed to the bank in care of a "Mr. Turrettini," according to copies of the contract.

COLLEGE POST FOR KISSINGER

WASHINGTON (W.P.) After he leaves office, U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger will set up shop here at Georgetown University, where he will work on a book, teach occasionally, and have the assistance of two of his aides who are also going on the university payroll.

Sources said Saturday that under an unusual six-month arrangement, Kissinger will have an office starting March 1 at Georgetown's Centre for Strategic and International Studies.

The foreign policy think tank includes on its regular staff prominent anti-Communist critics as well as supporters of Kissinger's policies.

He will be paid about \$15,000 for his six-month Georgetown stint, the sources said. His rate of pay as secretary of state. He also reportedly has received lucrative offers from publishers for his memoirs.

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Sweeping Amnesty Urged For U.S. Draft Evaders

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Two former officials of President Gerald Ford's clemency board proposed a sweeping program of amnesty and "re-hire" Saturday for Vietnam-era draft evaders, deserters and servicemen punished for minor anti-war offenses.

They said their proposals could cover up to half a million persons — military and civilian — already punished or still facing charges for non-violent protest acts such as draft evasion, desertion, civil disobedience, failure to pay taxes and other offenses "reasonably related to the Vietnam war."

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— Permission for the 5,000 men now living abroad as expatriates — draft evaders and deserters — to visit their families without fear of prosecution and regain American citizenship.

— Whether the war was right or wrong, America should seek reconciliation with everyone who was its victim — the dead, the missing, the physically or psychologically wounded, the unemployed veterans, the fugitive and punished offenders and all their families.

— Main points of the 41-point Baskin-Strauss plan include:

— Presidential pardons for the 8,800 persons convicted of draft evasion. Their conviction records would be sealed.

— Dropping of charges against 3,000 fugitive draft offenders not brought to trial.

— No one should be asked to pay any further price."

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FAMILY CIRCLE



"Are you refilling his eyes with tears?"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"JUST TELL ME WHERE YOUR BATHROOM IS... I'LL EXPLAIN WHEN I COME BACK!"

The Bridge Expert

By FRED KARPIN

It had to come, sooner or later, in this day of instant coffee, instant potatoes, etc. — namely, the emergence of the instant bridge player. Its creator was Billy Eisenberg, of Los Angeles. Billy is a member of the United States team that captured the World Championship of 1976 by defeating the Italian team. Here is the story of his "creation."

One evening during the Summer National Championships of 1973, he escorted a young lady to dinner. He asked her if she were going to play bridge that evening. She told him she played pinochle, but didn't know how to play bridge. He said: "That's all right. We have 45 minutes. I'll teach you."

NORTH
♦ Q J 4
♦ 7
♦ A K 10 9 3
♦ A K Q 10 6
♦ K 5

WEST
♦ J 9 4
♦ 6
♦ K 8 6 2
♦ 7 5 3
♦ 8 7 3 2
♦ 9 5 4

EAST
♦ A K Q 10 8 5 3 2
♦ J 4
♦ J

SOUTH
♦ 8 6
♦ A K Q 10 8 5 3 2
♦ J 4
♦ J

The bidding:
South West North East
4 ♦ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♦.

Well, 45 minutes later she had picked up a partner and was playing in the novice pairs event. During the week, she played in five consecutive novice events, with her score rising a little more each time. Actually, in her fifth attempt, she finished fourth in her section. Here is one of the deals that brought her a top score in the fifth session. She was sitting West.

What motivated the young lady to get her fingers on the king of spades at trick one, I do not know. When the king won the trick, she continued with her remaining spade, East taking the trick with his ace. Then came a third spade — and it was impossible for declarer to prevent West from taking her jack of trumps. Thus declarer fulfilled his contract, with no overtricks.

When the deal was replayed at the various tables, most of the South declarers actually arrived at a six-heart contract; only two managed to stop at four hearts. At no other table did the West defender choose to lead a spade at trick one. And in each case South came home with all 13 tricks, since he was able to discard his two losing spades and his losing diamond on dummy's clubs.

If the young lady can make such leaders after just 45 minutes, I wonder what she'll do after she has had a few hours of lessons. Probably she'll be taught to make "standard" leads.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

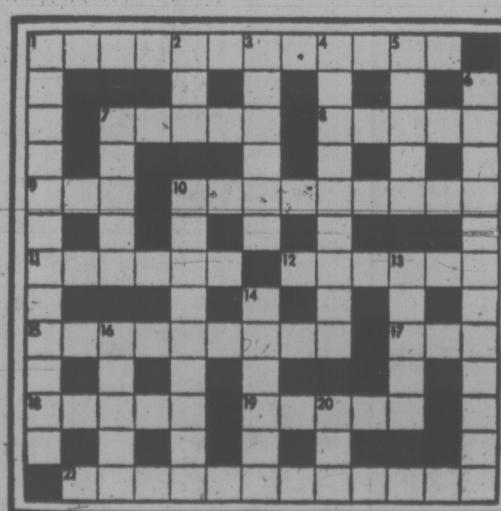
ANSWERS TO SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD

CROSS
1 Apropos
2 Maroon
3 Profaned
4 Cabled
5 Confute
6 Accede
7 Flighty
8 Interact
9 Bloomer
10 Asunder
11 Repeal
12 Plaice
13 Hiding
14 Tadpoles
15 Deifie
DOWN
1 Accords
2 Observe
3 Recess
4 Profaned
5 Oxford
6 Outlay
7 Interact
8 Bloomer
9 Asunder
10 Repeal
11 Hiding
12 Plaice
13 Tadpoles
14 Deifie

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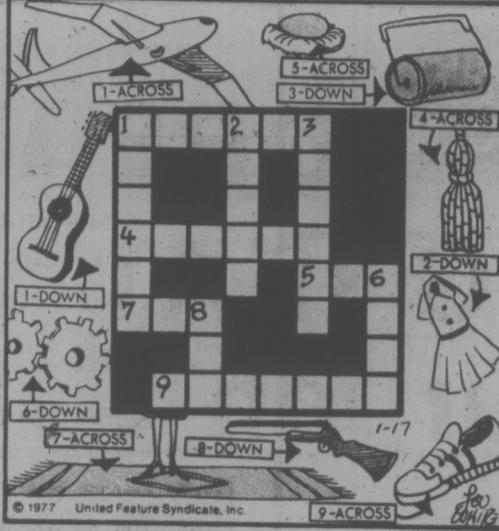
ACROSS
1 Beginning with letters, after which racing away? (8-4)
2 Dictator loses heart at regimental HQ (5)
3 Send timing device back (5)
4 Mischievous creature only partly self-centred (3)
10 Not complete layer on Greek temple (9)
11 Strong leader gets the best of an irresistibly funny affair (6)
12 The deepest the majority have (6)
15 Obviously not contest for animals (5, 4)
17 The girl to court? (3)
18 Route taken outside the bounds of decorum (5)
19 At home obtained mass of metal (5)
21 Information given to reporters' causes printing employee to strike (5, 4-3)

DOWN
1 Where addition is taught (6, 6)
2 The dump could be shown up to be mine (3)
3 Its state is unregenerate and paying its debt costs life (6)
4 Maybe a roosting-place made with broken cane (9)
5 Peter catches doctor engaged in wickedness (5)
6 Don't take the examination lying down, and so pass? (5, 3, 4)
7 Freed to make a postponement (5)
10 Frank speaking in simile style (9)
13 Attack while filming? (5)
14 Disappear with his change under vehicle (6)
16 Engine taking doctor to hill (5)
20 Reporter? (3)



SOLUTION TUESDAY

LITTLE PEOPLE'S PUZZLE



ANSWERS: 1-GUITAR, 3-ROLLER, 5-GEEPER, 6-GUN, 9-TASSLE, 2-DRESS.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Astrological Forecast for Tuesday, January 18

By SYDNEY OMARR

ARIES (March 21-April 19):

You gain added recognition-reward factor is greater. Applies in emotional and financial areas — you are given written guarantees that you will be paid, repaid, rewarded, given credit where due. Be wary of hidden clause which could lead to glaring error!

Taurus (April 20-May 20):

Study Aries message. Expand base of operations. Look beyond the immediate — key now is to perceive potential. Long-distance calls, message could dominate. Partner, or mate has a secret and you are supposed to "guess."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Highlight independence, originality; welcome contacts, challenges. Imprint your own style. Accent on mystery, funds that are utilized as tax shelters. Leo, Aquarius individuals figure prominently. Take a chance on your own judgment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

Follow through on hunch, give full rein to intuitive intellect. Answers are sought by you will but ask. Aquarian plays key role — another Cancer is in picture, too. A contract needs re-examination. Young person plays havor with "boss" pays meaningful compliment.

PISCES (Feb. 18-March 20):

Happiness replaces gloom. You make significant discoveries. Opposite, sex, creativity and love could be very much in picture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Be versatile, flexible, willing to laugh, even at your own expense. Social "opportunities" accelerate. An obese individual gives you advice. Laugh, but not out loud. Keep eye on your own diet, nutrition. One who shares interests will offer encouraging — and valuable word.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Creative resources find outlet — if you so permit. Means give yourself room — don't be painted into emotional corner. Accent on variety, swift changes, your own style, how you relate to children, ability to love and to accept love. Aquarius, Leo and Scorpio could be part of scenario.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Get papers in order — the law is on your side. Someone would like something for nothing — at your expense. Be aware; protect your own interests. Build for security. Get ideas on paper. Many are intrigued, eager to have your views.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Fears, doubts are dispelled. You gain more confidence — relative supports your position. You meet someone who seems to be an "inquiring re-

CATHY



HAGAR



YES I AM!

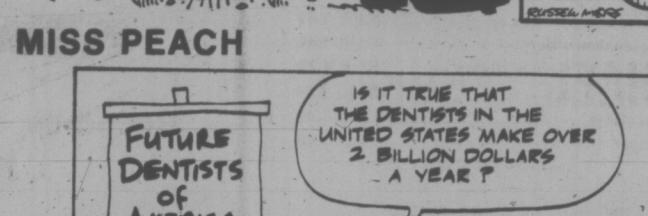
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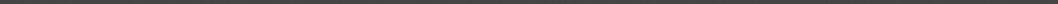
I LEARNED THAT I GET SICK RIDING ON THE BUS!



BROOM-HILDA



I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT THEY MEAN BY TALKING TO YOUR PLANTS!



149 DAY

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 China, Main Floor, Home Furnishings Building

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 Pictures, Second Floor Home Furnishings Building

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 Auto Accessories, Lower Main Floor

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 Wools, Fancy Goods, Third Floor

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Shampoo, Toiletries, Lower Main Floor

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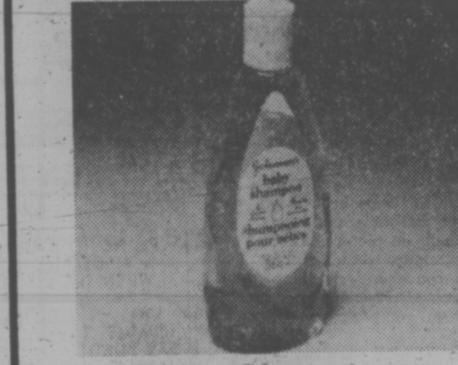
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DEPARTMENT HEADS ROLL AT B.C. RAIL

VANCOUVER (CP) — The management of the British Columbia Railway has fired two department heads. Roy Richmond, 55, director of personnel and organization, and David Gill, 57, purchasing agent, were dismissed without prior notice and told to engage legal counsel to arrange a settlement.

Economic Development Minister Don Phillips, a director of the B.C. Railway, said the two firings were a management decision and had nothing to do with the board of directors.

Winter Storm Snarls Atlantic

Times News Services
HALIFAX — Air and ground transportation was snarled in the Maritimes today by a stiff winter storm that forced school closures in many areas and delayed thousands of rush-hour commuters.

Two children were struck by an automobile as they waited for a school bus at West Lawrencetown, near Dartmouth, just moments before authorities closed all schools in Halifax county. As the storm moved eastward, schools in Pictou county also were shut down.

The weather office forecast the storm would drop 15 to 25 centimetres of snow on Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and southern New Brunswick and bring winds up to 100 kilometres an hour in gusts.

In the U.S., bitter cold snapped temperature records and power lines from the Midwest through the northeast Sunday night. Utility officials in several states asked plants and factories to stay closed today to conserve fuel.

Tel Seeks Third Party

VANCOUVER (CP) — The British Columbia Telephone Company said today it has requested the federal minister of labor to establish a conciliation board to intervene in negotiations between B.C. Tel and the Federation of Telephone Workers.

B.C. Tel said it has sent a telegram to the minister's office saying the two sides have failed in attempts to reach a collective agreement.

B.C. 'Worst' Deadbeat In Paying Mercy Flights

INVASION STOPPED, BENIN UNDER CURFEW

NIAMEY, Niger (AP) — The capital of neighboring Benin was under curfew today after scattered fighting, but President Mathieu Kerekou of the former French colony said he has defeated an attempt by "imperialist mercenaries" to overthrow him.

Kerekou said a plane load of whites and Africans landed early Sunday morning at a military airport outside Cotonou, the capital of the country and attacked at various points around the city. But



COUNT THE KIDS in this picture. Two? Right. The others are children of Cyril Taylor, 9190 East Saanich, who bought a nanny for Lance, 14, and Darcy, 11, members of Saanich 4-H Goat Club. New offspring made an early appearance and even at two days show inborn signs of the urge to start kidding around.

Launch Sinks, 20 Lost

VANCOUVER (CP) — A United States Navy launch taking sailors and marines back to their ships from weekend leave collided with a freighter and flipped over in Barcelona harbor early today, killing 20 American military men.

Nineteen other Americans were taken to hospital, six in serious condition, U.S. consul officials said.

Dozens of men had been trapped inside the overturned launch, but an even greater tragedy was averted when tugboats sped to the scene and quickly righted the boat.

It appears that habitually the offenders are the provinces on both coasts," Capt. Frewer said.

Other provinces are Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island.

B.C. paid for mercy flights and medical evacuations until 1975, whereas some provinces have failed to pay for as long as 15 years, he said.

Provinces are billed for each individual flight but only for such expenses as gasoline and hotel payments for crewmen. The provinces are not billed for the wages of crewmen.

The provinces feel the federal government should provide the service without charge, said Capt. Frewer, who added that the department will continue to provide the service and bill the provinces.

"It's a humanitarian assistance and you can't refuse it on any moral grounds," he said.

Capt. Frewer said there has been no problem with central Canada or the prairie provinces, where fewer mercy flights have been made by service aircraft.

NWT Threatened by Arsenic

TORONTO (CP) — Dangerously high arsenic levels, as much as 50 times above the World Health Organization (WHO) safe level, have been found at Yellowknife, N.W.T., says a non-government study made public Sunday.

It said the cancer death rate in Yellowknife, about 600 air miles north of Edmonton, is almost twice the national rate of 1.4 per thousand population and blamed arsenic pollution from gold mines.

The findings directly contradict federal government statements. As recently as last September, federal officials said no major arsenic problem exists in Yellowknife.

The study was done jointly by the National Indian Brotherhood, the United Steelworkers of America union, and the University of Toronto.

The three groups issued a statement calling for a full medical study of all 10,000 Yellowknife residents to determine how many show the effects of arsenic exposure.

The statement urged generous compensation for persons who develop arsenic-related diseases, and for federal enforcement of arsenic emission controls.

Tom Hutchinson, a University of Toronto biologist, told a news conference that the arsenic problem is so serious that residents should not eat vegetables in Yellowknife.

The study says Yellowknife deaths but Lloyd Tatary, Indian brotherhood research director, said there is no doubt that the pollution is affecting people in the N.W.T. capital.

Arsenic is a poisonous substance found in gold-bearing ore and can escape into the air, water and soil during mining and smelting. Continued abnormal levels in humans may cause respiratory illness, nervous disorders and cancer.

There are two gold mining operations in Yellowknife and they constitute the city's largest industry outside government.

The study did not prove any directly related disease or

DIRTY BIRD

LUTON, England (CP) — Housewife Eve Seely was terrified when she saw a huge parrot swearing on her clothes line. She fled into her house and rang police. The parrot welcomed them with four-letter words and flew 30 feet up a tree. A constable eventually climbed up and bagged him.

★ SPORTS ★

Full of hope when the current World Cup skiing season started, members of Canada's national men's team are now full of disappointment and talking about breaking camp and returning home from Europe. Winners of two events last winter, the Canadians have not earned a World Cup point this season. Page 14.

Eight Victoria rinks advanced during the weekend in curling playdowns. Harvey Thomson, Steve Skilling, Tim Horrigan and Barry Harvey qualified for the Island men's finals; Dave Johnston and Gus Levins won berths in the Pacific Coast senior men's event, and Randy Tervo and Kelly Horrigan reached the Island schoolboys' playoff. Page 14.

Victoria driver Roy Smith ran into disappointment Sunday in the Western 500 stock car race at Riverside, Calif. The transmission in Smith's car gave out with 11 laps remaining in the race, won by David Pearson. Page 14.

Victoria Cougars experienced a good news-bad news weekend in the Western Canada Hockey League. On the plus side, winger Curt Fraser, who had scored only one goal since Nov. 27, fired three Saturday. It was not enough, unfortunately, to help the Cougars, who dropped a 6-4 decision to New Westminster Bruins. Page 14.

Court Cut Review Planned by Gardom

Attorney-General Gordon Gardom said Sunday he will order a review of the decision to drop all summary conviction and indictable offence charges that have been before the courts more than six months.

The decision by the attorney-general's department came last week and sent shock waves through the provincial government.

B.C. Pharmacare director Pat Tidball said today he has met several times with Gardom, but would neither confirm nor deny Gardom's assessment of the new program.

He said the \$25-\$75 deductible system is one of the options for the universal program and "it could eventually be the one decided."

Gardom said he is only guessing and the mechanics of the program have not yet been fully decided.

He said if the premier wouldn't reveal the program, he wouldn't either.

But he said, he likes the Manitoba system of Pharmacare recipients paying for their drugs and then getting a refund from the government.

"It keeps people involved in how their tax dollars are spent," he said.

"I think it's a good idea from an administrative point of view."

Gardom said he was left with the strong impression after his last meeting with B.C. officials that their new program would impose a deductible fee on all users.

The Manitoba director said B.C. intends to use the Manitoba refund system of payment for prescriptions.

In Manitoba, Gardom said, Pharmacare users pay for the drugs, collect the receipts and send them into the government when they have accumulated more than the deductible.

He said this type of pay-

decision, saying it would damage police morale and encourage further court delays.

Under the plan, to go into effect March 1, provincial Crown prosecutors would drop all summary proceedings that have been outstanding more than 180 days in provincial court, unless the delays were encountered over the objections of the Crown.

Gardom said that for the present the decision stands, but he will request a review.

Both former attorney-general Alex Macdonald and the past president of the Canadian Police Chiefs Association, Police Chief Jack Gregory of Victoria, deplored the

decision, saying it would damage police morale and encourage further court delays.

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He said his department is concerned about the tremendous amount of delay in the court system and there didn't appear to be any effective means developing to break the log jam.

Gardom said it was even suggested at one point, that the date of implementation of the decision preceede March 1.

He pointed to one case where a man was charged with swearing outside a bar and it took 573 days to complete the matter.

Gardom said judges, not prosecutors, are to blame for the logjam in the courts and described as "preposterous" the attorney-general's department criticism of Crown counsel and police for delaying cases.

Judges, the chief said, should be made accountable for unnecessary delays in the courts since they make the final decision on remands and adjournments.

"It's up to the judges to take a harder line with both the prosecution and defence to make sure there's no unnecessary stalling," Gregory said.

Gregory also suggested night courts be scheduled and said judges could also demand more staff if needed.

Most police chiefs, he said, thought the time limit "was incredible and unbelievable" when it was presented to them at a meeting last month.

PRIVATE MAIL FLOURISHING

Victoria businessmen are being forced to use privately-owned courier firms because the post office isn't providing fast, reliable service.

This is the finding of Times reporter Al Forrest in a survey of merchants who are reluctantly turning to the more expensive courier services because they get the job done.

He found there are 45 courier and delivery services in the city compared to 36 only a year ago — and they're thriving.

See page 17.

NEWS BRIEFS

Wagner to Quit?

MONTREAL (CP) — Claude Wagner says he is ready to quit the Progressive Conservative party if his efforts to influence policy-making continue to be frustrated.

Dockers Boycott

VANCOUVER (CP) — Longshoremen here will support a seven-day international boycott of South African goods, a union official said Sunday. The boycott began today.

Ship Abandoned

HONOLULU (UPI) — All 25 crewmen of a disabled Panamanian freighter laden with lumber and logs abandoned ship Sunday in rough seas 260 miles east of Midway Island and were rescued by a Swiss cargo vessel.

Power Aid

TORONTO (CP) — Ontario Hydro today put into effect a province-wide, three-per-cent voltage reduction to provide maximum emergency assistance to the United States, a Hydro spokesman said. Extreme cold weather and breakdowns in some power facilities have created power shortages in New York and Michigan.

Guard Disarmed

BRUSSELS (AP) — A plainclothes policeman from Zaire armed with a sub-machine gun was mistaken today for an assassin trying to kill President Mobutu Sese Seko and was disarmed as the Zairian president arrived for a state visit to Belgium, police reported.

FERRIES 'BETTER'

Scheduling changes on the Horseshoe Bay-Langdale run were caused by efforts to save money and improve ferry services, according to Jack Davis.

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said most of the scheduling changes came when two small, old ferries were replaced with larger, newer ferries a few months ago.

Although the new schedules are not perfect, the new ferries provide better and more reliable service than the old ones did, and passengers can be sure that the posted schedules will be adhered to, Davis said.

Sechelt peninsula residents have said the new schedules are inadequate and are weakening the economy in the region.

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Chevron Raps Report

Chevron Canada Ltd. says a B.C. Energy Commission report does not deal with the real facts of gasoline marketing in the province.

The aim of the commission report was to find ways to maintain small, independent gasoline dealers in the B.C. market.

The oil company brief, sent to members of the legislature, says it is not the policy of oil

companies that is causing the small dealer to disappear, and some of the commission's recommendations may reduce incentives for small dealers to get into the market.

The government introduced a bill based on energy commission recommendations last spring but it died on the order paper. New Democratic Party MLAs say the Social Credit party will succumb to oil company pressure and not

proceed with the recommendations this session.

The Chevron brief says: "regrettably, the report seems to be, essentially, a parade of arguments put forward to support a verdict decided in advance by their sponsors, the former (NDP) provincial government."

The brief says the commission's recommendations were based on faulty research, outdated and inaccurate data and illogical interpretations.

Peace, McGregor Dams Opposed by 17 Groups

PRINCE GEORGE (CP) — Seventeen provincial wildlife and industry groups have backed motions opposing dam construction on the Peace and McGregor Rivers and condemning British Columbia Hydro for failing to research alternate forms of energy.

The day-long meeting was called by the McGregor Action Group, a Prince George citizens' group formed to battle Hydro's plans to dam the McGregor River.

The dam would be built about 60 miles east of here, uniting a Pacific and Arctic watershed. Government reports say the dam would reduce the flow of the Fraser river by 20 per cent, flood valuable timber land and create a potential danger to the salmon industry.

Hydro is also planning to dam the Peace near Revelstoke.

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Fox Says RCMP Knew of Cubans

TORONTO (CP) — Solicitor-General Francis Fox said Sunday the RCMP was aware of illegal activities at the Cuban consulate in Montreal and had been investigating them for several months before four Cubans were ordered to leave the country.

Fox said the CIA was operating from the consulate at the time.

The CBC says the tape was made Sept. 9 while Bulkin was in Canada.

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Bulkin said he was working

for the CIA to gain information about the Cubans while

he was being trained at the Montreal consulate for intelligence work in Rhodesia. Two other mercenaries were trained with him, he said.

Fox said the CIA "categorically" denied Bulkin was working for them.

During the CBC tape Bulkin said he arranged to give Cuban consul-general Rodriguez military information about Rhodesia in return for \$4000 and the release of two U.S. mercenaries.

Bulkin, in a taped conversation with an unidentified man also aired on the program, said both the CIA and FBI knew of the Montreal operation.

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GALLERY PROBES NO-VOTE ORDER

OTTAWA (CP) — The Parliamentary press gallery has instructed its executive to investigate what some gallery members have termed coercive action by news media management on their employees.

The instruction was given Saturday at the gallery's annual meeting during a discussion on reports that management of the Toronto Globe and Mail had forbiddens Ottawa staff to vote on a motion which sought to prevent employees from securing temporary passes to the gallery.

The so-called strike-breaker motion was tabled "until such time as active members are freed from coercive instructions by their employers, including denial of their constitutional right to vote," the 155-member gallery decided in a 58-47 vote.

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Couriers Outpace Post Office

By AL FORREST

Times Staff

Victoria merchants say the post office has failed to keep up with changing times and no longer meets their requirements for fast, dependable delivery.

They are reluctantly turning to courier firms but would prefer to deal with an upgraded post office service which would be cheaper and would operate on a national basis.

The courier services are thriving in the absence of competition from the post office. One year ago there were 36 courier and delivery services listed in the Victoria telephone book. This year there are 45.

Vince Martin, supervisor of Canadian Courier Services Ltd. in Victoria, says business is increasing every week.

"It is the strikes or the threat of strikes that do us the most good," he said.

"Every time the postmen talk about walking off the job we get a flood of new customers."

Victoria Chamber of Commerce manager Brian Small agrees it is the strike threat that has soured many Victoria businessmen on the post office.

"Nobody wants to put any documents in the mail if they are going to get held up by a strike."

Brian Hobbs, provincial-federal affairs director for the chamber, says his committee will prepare a detailed brief on mail problems and present it to Postmaster-general Jean-Jacques Blais.

"This is the age of speed and communications," he said. "The post office should be able to adjust its methods to meet the modern requirements of the business community."

Hobbs, display advertising

manager for Victoria Press Ltd., said one customer had to send an employee by plane from Toronto delivering advertising copy at a number of cities across the prairies. He ended his journey in Victoria, handing over an advertisement in person.

"He said the company felt it could not depend upon the mail. That type of personal delivery system is very expensive."

Other merchants told similar stories.

"We have come to depend upon our own company mail service rather than the post office," Simpson-Sears regional manager Jack Hutton said.

"I don't think the post office service is getting any worse. But it isn't getting any better."

Sawyer said many other complaints about slow delivery are true — but not the fault of the letter carriers.

Snowstorms and fog often delay planes for several days, he said, and the mail carrier gets the blame.

"That part about: Neither rain, nor snow, nor heat nor gloom of night etc., is true but it refers to letter carriers, not to planes and trains. Snow will stop a train even though it seldom stops the carriers."

A few of the local complaints are justified, he conceded, and some of them are hard to explain.

"But it is a difficult job and we are doing our best."

The Times, like many local businesses, has a lengthy file on delayed letters.

One that angered a city

woman last year was the letter that took three weeks to get from city hall to her home, just a few blocks away.

It was a notice of a public hearing on a rezoning matter and the hearing had come and gone before she received the notice.

"Studies have been under-

way for some time but I do not have any information on when there will be a decision on this."

He said he has heard hundreds of "horror stories" about local mail delivery but maintains that only a small number can be blamed on the postal service.

"The main thing we hear about is lost cheques. That's a very old game called I Put a Cheque In the Mail This Morning. You Should Get It In a Few Days."

"The truth of the matter is that often the cheque is not gone into the box at all. The letter carrier can not deliver the cheque until it has been written and placed in a mailbox."

Sawyer said many other complaints about slow delivery are true — but not the fault of the letter carriers.

Snowstorms and fog often delay planes for several days, he said, and the mail carrier gets the blame.

"That part about: Neither rain, nor snow, nor heat nor gloom of night etc., is true but it refers to letter carriers, not to planes and trains. Snow will stop a train even though it seldom stops the carriers."

A few of the local complaints are justified, he conceded, and some of them are hard to explain.

"But it is a difficult job and we are doing our best."

The Times, like many local businesses, has a lengthy file on delayed letters.

One that angered a city

woman last year was the letter that took three weeks to get from city hall to her home, just a few blocks away.

It was a notice of a public hearing on a rezoning matter and the hearing had come and gone before she received the notice.

"Studies have been under-



Vince Martin: "Strike threats do us the most good"

was delivered in Victoria Jan. 13.

A small Christmas parcel mailed Nov. 15 in Paris took two months to be delivered here.

And there are many more.

There are many organizations, working independently, trying to find a solution.

Victoria lawyer Gerald

Neely is promoting a system whereby all local law firms would distribute mail and documents through a central clearing office in the Law Courts building. This idea has been adopted only on a modified scale and he is continuing

to advocate a full mail-sorting system in the building.

Companies are developing and expanding their own mail and parcel delivery systems.

Others are encouraging the formation of courier services that operate on a national basis so they only have to deal with a single firm and not a network of regional operations.

All of them expressed a reluctance to deal with the private companies due to the high costs involved but most insisted that speed and security of delivery were more important than the costs of delivery.

'Another Commission' Knocked by Eco Groups

By HUMPHRY DAVY
Times Staff

Appointment of a Forest Policy Advisory Committee is "just another commission investigating the findings of another commission," says Bill Otway, executive director of the B.C. Wildlife Federation.

The provincial government set up the body to review the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Forestry. The inquiry was conducted by forest economist Dr. Peter Pearce who released his report last November.

Said Otway: "The government knows what should be done to improve the management of public forest lands without appointing a committee but it would rather spend \$70 million building a road to nowhere."

He was referring to the government's plan to build a highway from Hope to Merritt through the Coquihalla Pass.

He said the government could spend as little as \$10 million on the better management of forest lands.

Brian Ingalls, president of the Amalgamated Conservation Society, an organization fighting for the rehabilitation of salmon streams, was disappointed in the appointment of the five-man advisory committee.

"The government knows that the citizens of the province don't want logging practices which damage their fisheries resource," he said.

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